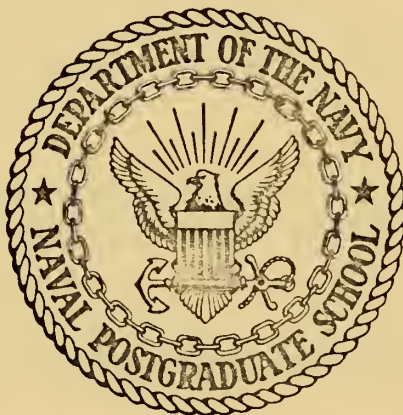# THE DEVELOPMENT AND STUDY OF A MATHEMATICAL MODEL FOR NON-CATALYTIC REACTIONS IN A FLUIDIZED BED REACTOR

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ABSTRACT

A mathematical model for the simulation of non-catalytic
solid-gas reactions in a fluidized bed reactor is proposed.
The performance of the model in predicting solid reactant
conversions for an ore roasting process is investigated
using available literature data. Model development required
simplifying assumptions. The sensitivity of the model to
certain of these assumptions is investigated.

Comments on the adaptability of the model for use in
the design and study of a fluidized bed shipboard waste dis-
posal system are made.

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A_{rx} reaction area per particle, ft.^{2}

b   stoichiometric coefficient

$\overline{Cg}$ average gas concentration, moles/ft.^{3}

CGB   bubble phase gas concentration, moles/ft.^{3}

CGE   emulsion phase gas concentration, moles/ft.^{3}

CG_o initial gas concentration, moles/ft.^{3}

CS   reactant concentration in the solid, moles/ft.^{3}

CS_o initial reactant concentration in the solid, moles/ft.^{3}

Db   axial dispersion coefficient for the reactant in the bubble phase, ft.^{2}/sec

DB   bubble diameter, in.

DB_{avg} average bubble diameter, in.

DB_{max} maximum bubble diameter, ft.

DC   cloud diameter, in.

De   axial dispersion coefficient for the reactant in the emulsion, ft.^{2}/sec

DIFH   residual height in the top section, in.

Do   initial bubble size, in.

Dp   diameter of the bed particles, ft.

E(t)   exit age distribution function

f   volumetric fraction of gas flow in the emulsion phase, 1/sec

F   volumetric fraction of gas flow in the bubble phase, 1/sec

g   acceleration of gravity, ft./sec^2

H   total bed height, in.

HMF	height of bed at minimum fluidization, in.
H_o	minimum height of bed ($\epsilon=0$), ft.
K_{be}	gas exchange coefficient based on bubble volume, 1/sec
k_c	kinetic rate constant, ft./sec
Kr	kinetic rate constant based on a unit volume of solids, 1/sec.
M	molecular weight of the gas, lbs./mole
N	number of bubbles
N_a	moles of component A, moles
N_o	number of holes per square ft. in the distributor plate, ft.$^{-2}$
P	pressure, lbs./ft.^{2}
R	gas law constant
R_B	bubble radius, in.
R_C	core radius (Rcore), ft.
$R_{c\ell}$	cloud radius, in.
Re	Reynold's Number
S_B	area of the bubble phase, in.^{2}
S_T	cross sectional area of the reactor, in.^{2}
t	time, sec
$\bar{t}$	average particle residence time, sec
T	reactor temperature, °F
T'	reactor temperature, °K
T_B	normal boiling point, °K
U	superficial gas velocity at the bed temperature, ft./sec
U_{BR}	absolute bubble rise velocity, ft./sec
U_{BREL}	relative bubble rise velocity, ft./sec

Ue	superficial gas velocity in the emulsion, ft./sec
UMF	minimum fluidization velocity at the bed temperature, ft./sec
UMF_o	minimum fluidization velocity at room temperature (20°C), ft./sec
U_o	superficial gas velocity at room temperature (20°C), ft./sec
U_T	particle terminal velocity, ft./sec
U_{vol}	gas volumetric flow rate, ft.^{3}/sec
VB	bubble phase volume, in.^{3}
VB_{FR}	fractional bubble phase volume in the top section, in.^{3}
VB_T	total bubble volume in the bed, in.^{3}
VB_1	volume of one bubble in the top section, in.^{3}
VC	cloud phase volume, in.^{3}
V_{core}	volume of the unreacted core, ft.^{3}
VE	emulsion phase volume, in.^{3}
V_{FR}	fractional cloud-bubble volume in the top section, in.^{3}
Vo	initial volume of a single particle, ft.^{3}
VT_1	volume of one bubble and cloud in the top section, in.^{3}
VW	volume of the wake, in.^{3}
WB	bubble phase solid flow, ft.^{3}/sec
WE	emulsion phase solid flow, ft.^{3}/sec
W_f	volumetric feed rate of solids, ft.^{3}/sec
W_t	weight of solids in the bed, lbs.
XB	solid reactant conversion
X_m	constant - 0.684 ρpDp, in.
y_i	mole fraction of gas i
α	ratio of wake to bubble volume

ε bed voidage

εMF bed voidage at minimum fluidization

γ_c solid distribution coefficient in the cloud and wake, ft^3

γ_e solid distribution coefficient in the emulsion phase, ft^3

μi viscosity of gas i, centipoise

μ' viscosity of gas, lbs./ft.sec

μmix viscosity of the gas mixture, centipoise

ρ_g gas density, lbs./ft^3

ρp particle density, lbs./ft^3

$\rho p'$ molar particle density, moles/ft^3

τ time for complete reaction, sec

I. INTRODUCTION

In the late sixties, the Navy began a study of shipboard
waste disposal systems which could be used to combat a grow-
ing pollution problem. One proposal considered a process
for the combustion of solid waste material in a fluidized
bed reactor. This proposal was opposed by some naval
designers on the grounds that sufficient knowledge of the
operational characteristics of fluid bed reactors was not
available, thus prohibiting accurate design and control of
such a system.

This lack of fundamental design knowledge is a problem
which has plagued fluid bed technologists for some time.
Although the fluid bed reactor finds broad usage in the
chemical industry today, its complex nature makes accurate
mathematical modeling difficult. Design and control of
fluid bed systems in the past has, therefore, been based on
the application of operational engineering experience.

This work was undertaken with the goal of studying and
developing a mathematical model of a fluidized bed reactor.
The Bubble Assemblage Model proposed by Wen and Yoshida [1]
provided the starting point for this investigation.

If a reasonable model could be developed, it could be
used as a design tool and in studies of the operational
characteristics of the reactor system.

II. LITERATURE SEARCH

Early tracer studies [2] on large scale fluid bed reactors revealed that tracer concentrations in the exit gas stream exceeded concentrations in samples taken directly from the bed. This observation led to the development of the two phase model of fluidization which predicts that the major portion of the gas passes through the bed in the form of bubbles. The primary developers of this theory include Toomey and Johnstone [3], Shen and Johnstone [4], Pansing [5], and Lewis et al [6].

The two phase model pictures the bed as consisting of two single phase reactors in parallel as shown in Figure 1. Phase 1, the lean or bubble phase, represents the primary means of gas throughput. It is generally treated as being in plug flow and containing no solids. Phase 2, the dense or emulsion phase, contains the solids surrounded by interstitial gas. Assumptions on the mixing patterns in the emulsion phase range depending on the investigator. Mathias and Watson [7], Massimillia and Johnstone [8], and Gomezplata and Shuster [9] assumed plug flow behavior while Shen and Johnstone [4] and Lewis et al [6] have studied conditions of plug flow and complete mixing. The model is also characterized by a gas exchange coefficient which accounts for gas flow between the phases.

May [10] extensively studied the classic two phase model and was the first to introduce diffusion type coefficients
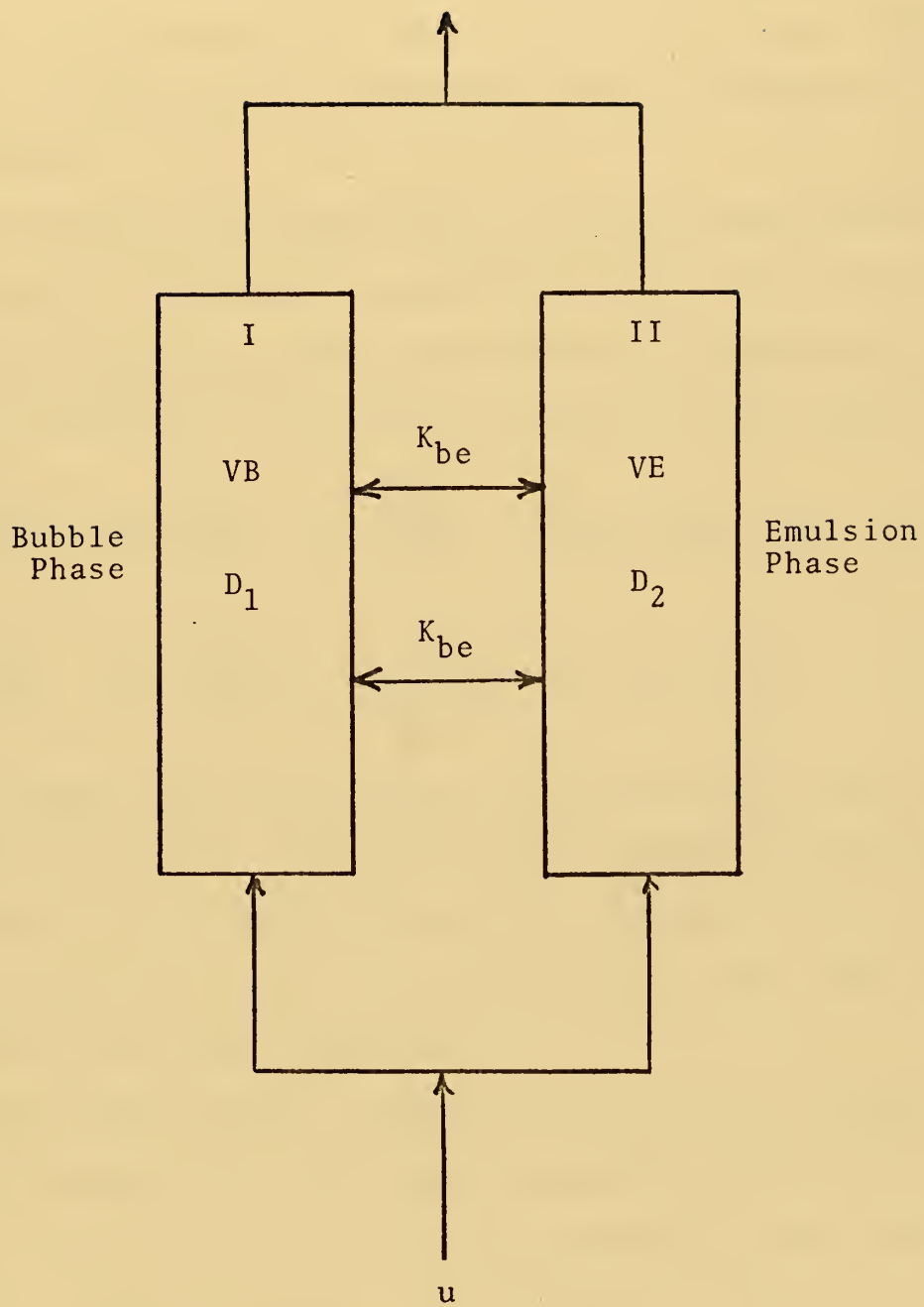
Figure 1. Six Parameter Two Phase Model.

to characterize the vigorous mixing in the emulsion phase.
This approach was investigated further by van Deemter [11]
who applied the model in a study of gas mixing experiments
in order to determine the diffusion and gas exchange
coefficients.

The mathematical formulation of the two phase model leads
to two partial differential equations containing six para-
meters and representing the system material balances. A
general expression of the model equations can be given as

$$F\frac{\partial CGB}{\partial t} - FDb \frac{\partial^2 CGB}{\partial t^2} + FU \frac{\partial CGB}{\partial H} + F_o (CGB-CGE) = 0 \qquad (1)$$

$$f \frac{\partial CGE}{\partial t} - fDe \frac{\partial^2 CGE}{\partial t^2} + fUe \frac{\partial CGE}{\partial H} + F_o (CGE-CGB) = 0 \qquad (2)$$

Their solution has been a center of controversy because of
different approaches to the choice of boundary conditions.
McCracken [12] obtained solutions for various mixing
patterns and in a second work [13] reviews other numerical
solutions of the model equations.

The two phase model, although representing a useful
engineering approach to the understanding of fluid bed
reactors, suffers from serious disadvantages. The model
parameters are, in a sense, adjustable and, therefore, while
fitting experimental data well for particular cases, their
generality for use in scale up and design are questionable.
Furthermore, the description of a uniform bubble phase and
constant gas exchange coefficient ignores effects of chang-
ing bubble size on bed operation.

Pioneering work in development of a more general model
was completed by Davidson and Harrison [14] in 1962. These
investigators theorized that fluid beds could be accurately
described by the application of the fundamental properties
of bubbles rising in a fluidized medium. Their work and a
recent text by Kunii and Levenspiel [15], presents a compre-
hensive survey of the present state of knowledge in this
area.

The second generation models, in general, represent the
fluid bed as a three phase system. The dense phase, is split
to include a cloud phase which represents solids directly
influenced by rising bubbles. Entrapment of solids in the
wakes of rising bubbles is also considered. Information
on bubble size and rise velocity, cloud development, gas
interchange rates etc., derived from independent investiga-
tions, are considered in model development. A representa-
tive group of the most noteworthy second generation models,
as compiled by Grace [16], are listed in Table I.

The Bubbling Bed Model, developed by Kunii and Levenspiel
[21] was shown to be semi-successful in correlating experi-
mental reaction data and is a useful design tool. However,
it utilizes an effective or average bubble diameter to
describe the bubble phase. This ignores the effect of
bubble growth on the operation of the bed and, therefore,
seems to be an oversimplification. An improvement can be
found in the models of Toor and Calderbank [22], Yates et al
[23], and Wen and co-workers [1,24], where changing bubble
size is introduced.

TABLE I

SECOND GENERATION FLUIDIZED BED MODELS

ORCUTT et al [17]

HOVMAND and DAVIDSON [18]

PARTRIDGE and ROWE [19]

CHIBA and KOBAYASHI [20]

Wen and Kato [24] investigated reactions using their Bubble Assemblege Model and found the model predicts conversions and concentration profiles reasonably well. This same model in modified form was used by Wen and Yoshida [1] to correlate results of a non-catalytic ore roasting reaction.

III. MODEL DEVELOPMENT

The first step in the development of a model for a
fluidized bed is the study of the qualitative nature of
fluidization. In Figure 2, the three possible states of a
bed of solids having a gas flowing through it are shown.
At low gas flow rates, Figure 2a, the solids are in a fixed
bed condition. The gas passes through the interstitial
voids of the solids. As the gas flow is increased, a point
will be reached where the pressure drop of the gas is suf-
ficient to support the weight of the bed. At this gas flow
rate, the bed becomes fluidized and has many of the proper-
ties of ordinary liquids. In this state, Figure 2b, the
bed is characterized by a minimum fluidization velocity,
voidage, and height.

Increasing the gas flow above the minimum fluidization
rate causes the bed to transition to a state of vigorous and
violent bubbling as shown in Figure 2c. This state is of
the greatest importance for it represents the condition of
most industrial fluid bed reactors.

In modeling the bubbling fluidized bed, two assumptions
are universally accepted; 1) isothermal operation and 2) the
flow through the bubble phase represents all gas flow above
that required for the minimum fluidization, i.e., (U-UMF).
These assumptions were used in the model developed in this
investigation. This model represents a modified form of the
Bubble Assemblege Model proposed by Wen and Yoshida [1].

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Figure 2. States of the Gas-solid System.

(a)

U<UMF

Fixed Bed

(b)

HMF

U=UMF

Minimum Fluidized State

(c)

H

U>UMF

Bubbling Bed
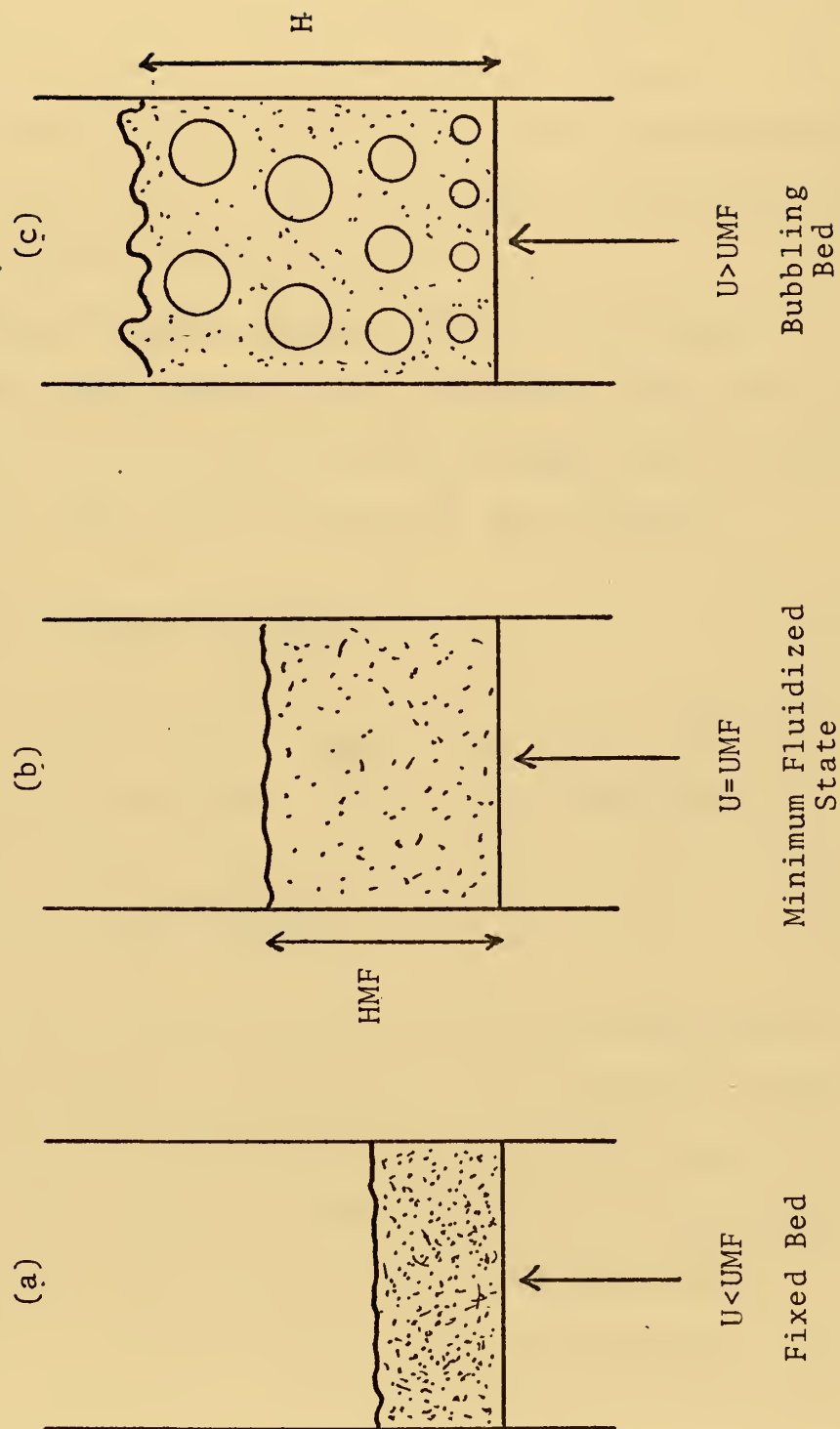
A. OVERALL BED MODEL

The fluidized bed was divided into a number of backmixed reactors connected in series as shown in Figure 3. The height of each section corresponds to the average bubble diameter at that level. The model thus accounts for changing bubble diameter within the bed.

1. Bubble Size and Section Height Calculation

The bubble diameter was calculated using the relation of Kobayashi [25] who found that experimental data on bubble sizes could be correlated by the equation

$$DB = 0.684 \rho p \Gamma p \left(\frac{U_o}{UMF_o} \right) \tag{3}$$

To account for the initial bubble size at the surface of the distributor Kobayashi's relation was modified to

$$DB = 0.684 \rho p Dp \left(\frac{U_o}{UMF_o} \right) + Do \tag{4}$$

where Do is the initial bubble size at the distributor plate. This quantity is difficult to estimate for beds having porous plate distributers and therefore must be estimated. For perforated plate distributors, however, Do can be estimated based on the work of Davidson and Harrison [14]. It was shown by these investigators that the bubbles produced in fluidized beds have essentially the same properties as bubbles produced in ordinary liquids having a small viscosity. On this basis Do can be calculated from the equation developed for predicting the

Figure 3. Sectionalized Model of the Fluid Bed Reactor.
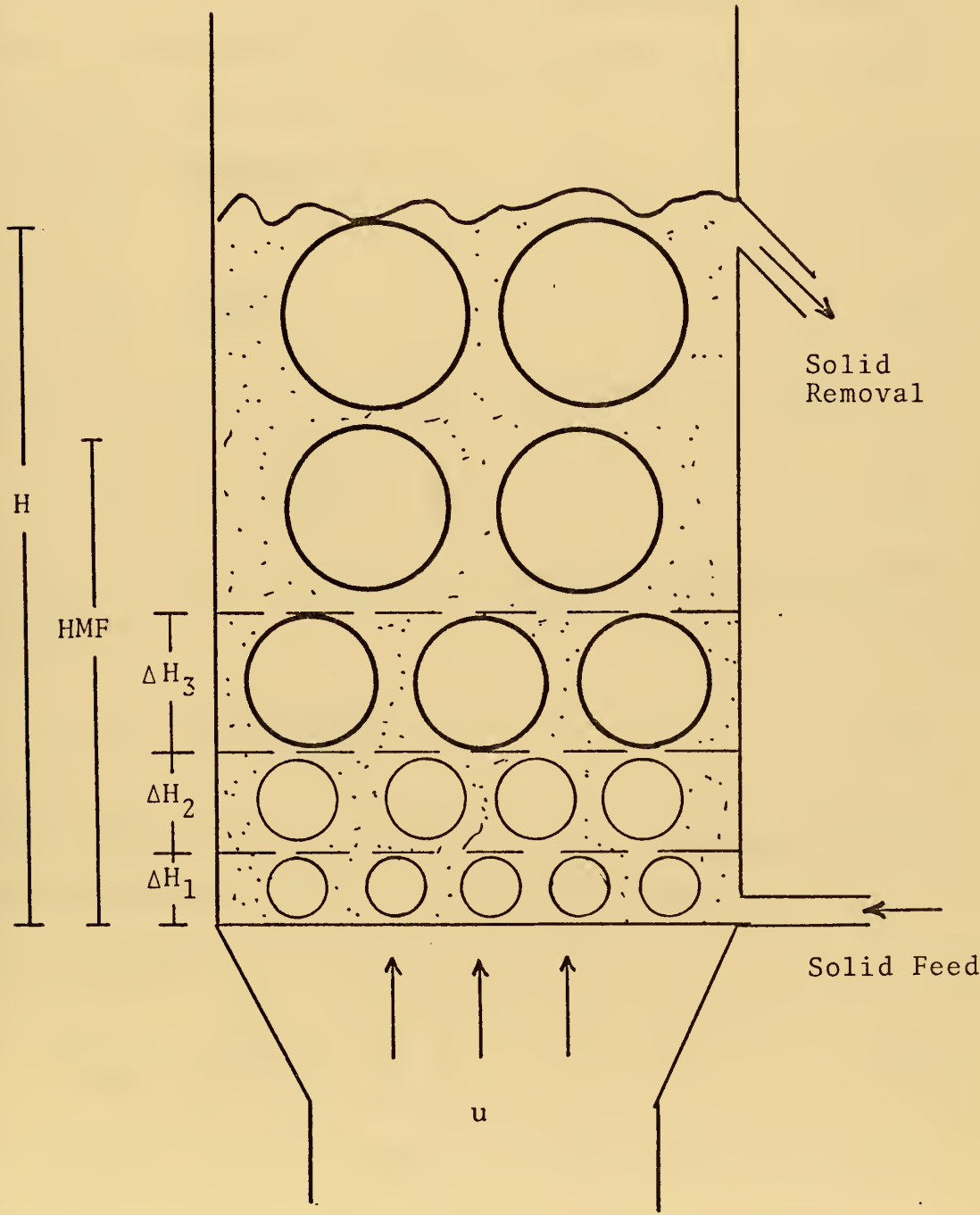
diameter of bubbles produced in ordinary liquids at a single orifice

$$Do = (\frac{6}{\pi})^{.4} \left(\frac{U-UMF}{No}\right)^4 \; g^{.2} \tag{5}$$

The averaging procedure used in calculating the individual section heights is graphically depicted in Figure 4. For the first section

$$\Delta H_1 = \frac{Do + XM\Delta H_1 + Do}{2} \tag{6}$$

$$\Delta H_1 = \frac{2Do}{(2-XM)} \tag{7}$$

Repeating the procedure for the second section yields

$$\Delta H_2 = 2Do \; \frac{(2+XM)}{(2-XM)^2} \tag{8}$$

In general, it can be shown the average height of the Nth section is

$$\Delta H_N = 2Do \; \frac{(2+XM)^{N-1}}{(2-XM)^N} \tag{9}$$

The bubbles were considered to grow continuously until the maximum bubble diameter predicted by Harrison et al [26] is reached

$$DB_{MAX} = \left(\frac{U_T}{0.711}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{g} \tag{10}$$

This maximum is attained when the upward velocity of the bubble equals the terminal velocity of the bed particles.

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Figure 4. Averaging Procedure Used to Determine Section Heights.

$$\Delta H_1$$

$$DB_1 = X_M \Delta H_1 + Do$$

Average

$$\Delta H_1 = \frac{DB_1 + Do}{2}$$

$$DB_o = Do$$

$$H = \Delta H_1$$

$$H = 0$$

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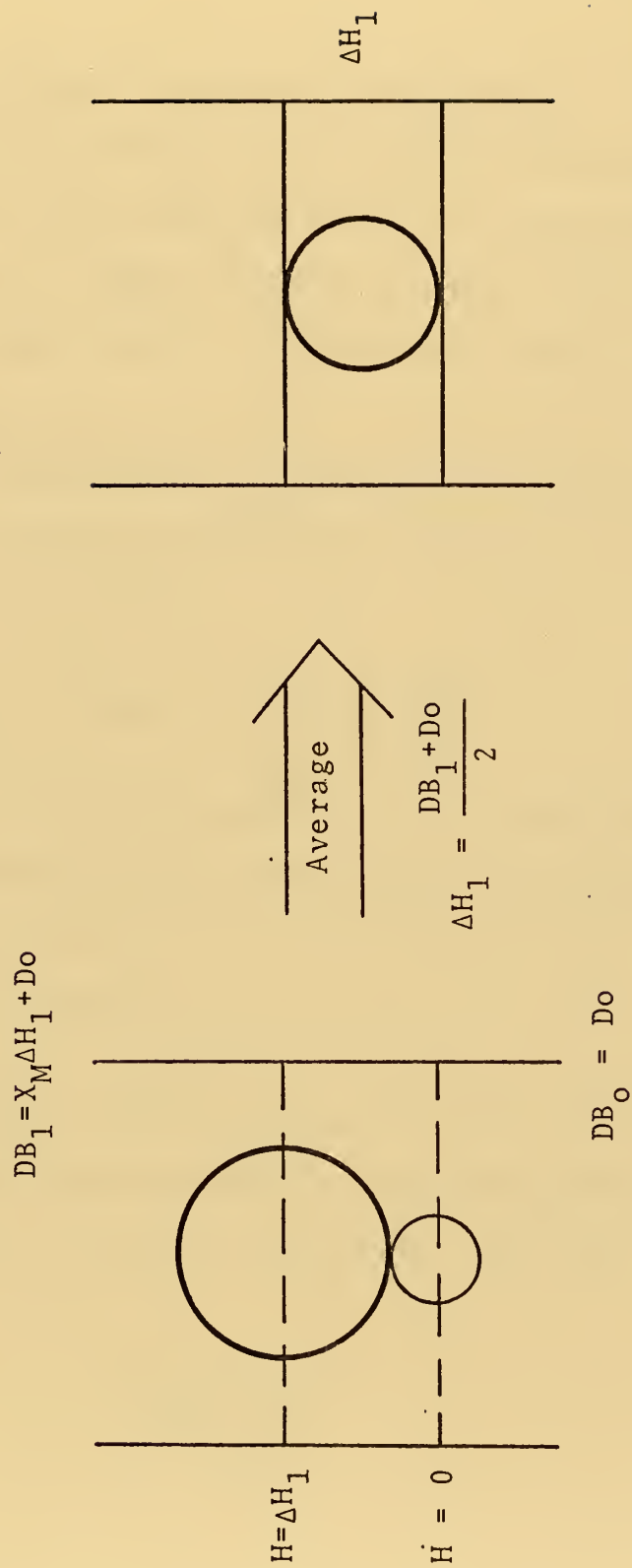
The calculation of the terminal velocity is given in the
Appendix.

2. <u>Bed Voidage and Height Calculations</u>

The bed conditions at minimum fluidization must be
defined prior to the calculation of the operational bed
characteristics. These calculations were completed using
well defined experimental correlations that are given in
the Appendix.

Davidson and Harrison [14] have shown that the rise
velocity of a crowd of bubbles in a fluid bed can be cal-
culated from the relation

$$U_{BR} = U-UMF + 0.711 \left(g \frac{DB}{12} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{11}$$

It was assumed that the expansion of the bed over that at
minimum fluidization is a reflection of the total volume
of bubbles in the bed

$$VB_T = (H-HMF)S_T \tag{12}$$

and that an average bubble size can be taken as the bubble
size at a height equal to HMF/2. The bed expansion ratio
was calculated by combining equations (4), (11), and (12)
to give

$$\frac{H-HMF}{H} = \frac{(U-UMF)}{0.711 \left(\frac{gDB_{avg}}{12} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \tag{13}$$

where

$$DB_{avg} = XM \left(\frac{HMF}{2} \right) + Do \tag{14}$$

This equation was tested by Wen and Yoshida [1] and shown to correlate experimental bed heights to within 10%.

Based on the above result, the bed voidage was calculated as

$$1 - \varepsilon = \frac{HMF}{H} (1 - \varepsilon MF) \tag{15}$$

B. SECTION MODEL

The sections into which the bed was divided were treated as having three phases; a bubble phase, a cloud and wake phase and an emulsion phase. Figure 5 shows a single bubble and the three phases. Flow within each phase was assumed to be completely backmixed. This implies uniform gas concentrations and uniform reactant conversion levels within each phase.

1. Bubble Phase Description

The equations used to describe the bubble phase are based on experimental results which indicate a bubbling fluidized bed can be treated as analogous to a bubbling inviscid liquid.

The relative rise velocity of a single bubble was calculated from the Davies-Taylor [27] equation

$$U_{BREL} = 0.711 \left(g \; \frac{DB}{12}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{16}$$

The relative rise velocity is the rise velocity of a bubble through a bed at minimum fluidization conditions. In a vigorously bubbling bed, the section of the bed ahead of the bubble moves upward with a velocity equal to U-UMF.

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Figure 5. Bubble Representation.

Bubble

Wake

Solid flow

Gas flow

Cloud phase

Internal Gas
Circulation
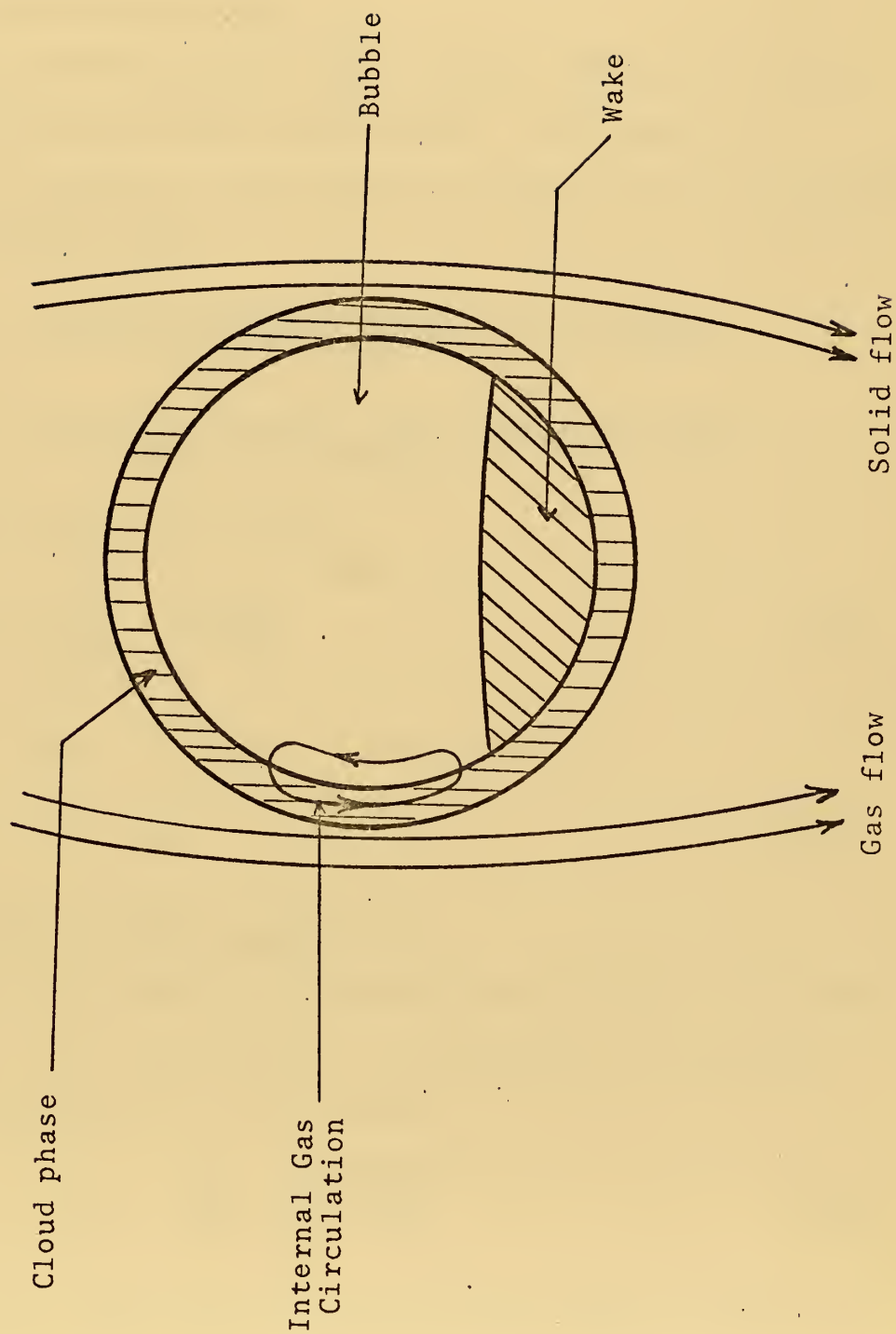
The absolute rise velocity of the bed then becomes

$$U_{BR} = U - UMF + U_{BREL} \qquad (17)$$

This equation was proposed by Nicklin [28] and later by Davidson and Harrison [14].

An accurate model of any section must predict the number of bubbles within that section. The number of bubbles was predicted from the bed expansion ratio according to the following logic

$$N = \frac{\text{Volume of Section Comprised of Bubbles}}{\text{Volume Per Bubble}}$$

$$N = \frac{\text{Volume of Section X Bed Expansion Ratio}}{\text{Volume Per Bubble}}$$

This yields upon substitution

$$N = \frac{6 \, S_T}{\pi \Delta H_N^2} \cdot \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon MF}{1 - \epsilon MF} \qquad (18)$$

The total volume of bubbles is then given by

$$VB = N \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} DB^3 \qquad (19)$$

2.   Cloud and Wake Description

The cloud phase was described according to the model of Davidson [29] which permits calculation of the cloud diameter according to the relation

$$DC^3 = DB^3 \cdot \frac{U_{BREL} + 2UMF/\epsilon MF}{U_{BREL} - UMF/\epsilon MF} \qquad (20)$$

On this basis, the total volume of cloud phase in each section becomes

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$$VC = VB \cdot \frac{3UMF/\varepsilon MF}{U_{BREL} - UMF/\varepsilon MF} \qquad (21)$$

The cloud was assumed to have a voidage equal to the bed at minimum fluidization.

The wake was described using the results of Rowe and Partridge [30]. These investigators have shown that the wake comprises approximately thirty percent of the bubble volume. A plot of their results is given in the Appendix and was used to estimate the parameter Alpha which equals the ratio of the wake to bubble volume. The wake was also assumed to have a voidage equal to the bed at minimum fluidization.

3. Emulsion Description

The emulsion phase includes all of the remaining section volume

$$VE = \Delta H \cdot S_T - VC - VB \qquad (22)$$

having a voidage equal to the bed at minimum fluidization. It was assumed in this investigation that for operating conditions where U/UMF is large that the velocity of the gas through the emulsion phase is zero. This assumption finds substantiation in the work of Latham et al [31] and Kunii and Levenspiel [15]. These investigators found that the emulsion gas will reverse its direction (Ue=0) when U/UMF > 2.7 ≃ 6.0.

4. Solid Movement and Gas Exchange

The primary mechanism of solid circulation within the bed is by transport in the wakes of bubbles. The solid

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is entrained by rising bubbles and carried upward with a velocity equal to the rise velocity of the bubbles. During the bubble's movement through the bed, the solids in its wake are continuously exchanged with the bulk emulsion solids. In this investigation, the exchange coefficient for the solids was assumed to be infinite.

Solids in the bulk emulsion phase move downward with the same volumetric flow rate as solids carried upward in the wakes. As a result, there is no net flow of solids across any horizontal plane within the bed.

For a system in which a solid is continuously fed to the bottom of the bed and removed from the top, a net upward flow does exist and is equal to the volumetric flow rate of the feed. Mathematically, this model can be expressed as

$$WB_N = \frac{W_f}{S_T} \cdot S_{BN} + \frac{\alpha S_{BN} U_{BRN}}{144.0} \tag{23}$$

$$WE_{N+1} = \frac{\alpha S_{BN} U_{BRN}}{144.0} - \frac{W_f}{S_T} \cdot (S_T - S_{BN}) \tag{24}$$

where WB(N) represents solids flowing upward to the $(N+1)^{th}$ section from the Nth section and WE(N+1) represents solids flowing downward into the Nth section from the $(N+1)^{th}$ section.

The overall gas exchange coefficient was calculated using the correlation of Kobayashi et al [32]. Based on a unit volume of bubbles, this expression can be expressed as

$$Kbe = \frac{4.331}{DB} \tag{25}$$

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C. KINETICS

Non-catalytic gas-solid reactions in which the reacting particles do not change size were studied in this model. Examples of this type of reaction include sulfide ore roasting, reduction of iron ore, and calcination of limestone. The following stoichiometric equation was used to represent these reactions

$$A(gas) + bB(solids) \rightarrow PRODUCTS \qquad (26)$$

For this stoichiometric relation, the first order irreversible reaction rate equation can be written as

$$- \frac{1}{A_{rx}} \frac{dNa}{dt} = - \frac{1}{bA_{rx}} \frac{dNb}{dt} = kc \, \overline{Cg} \qquad (27)$$

The reaction was assumed to proceed according to the shrinking core reaction model [1,33]. This model assumes the reaction begins as the surface of the material and proceeds inward; the reaction zone being the surface of the constantly shrinking unreacted core. The particle maintains its structural integrity as a result of the formation of a completely converted inert ash which surrounds the unreacted core. A time history of the reacting particle is shown in Figure 6. It was also assumed that the overall conversion rate is controlled by the chemical reaction step. This implies that the diffusion of gaseous reactant occurs much faster than the reaction at the surface of the core and, therefore, a gas concentration gradient between the bulk gas phase and the core surface does not exist.
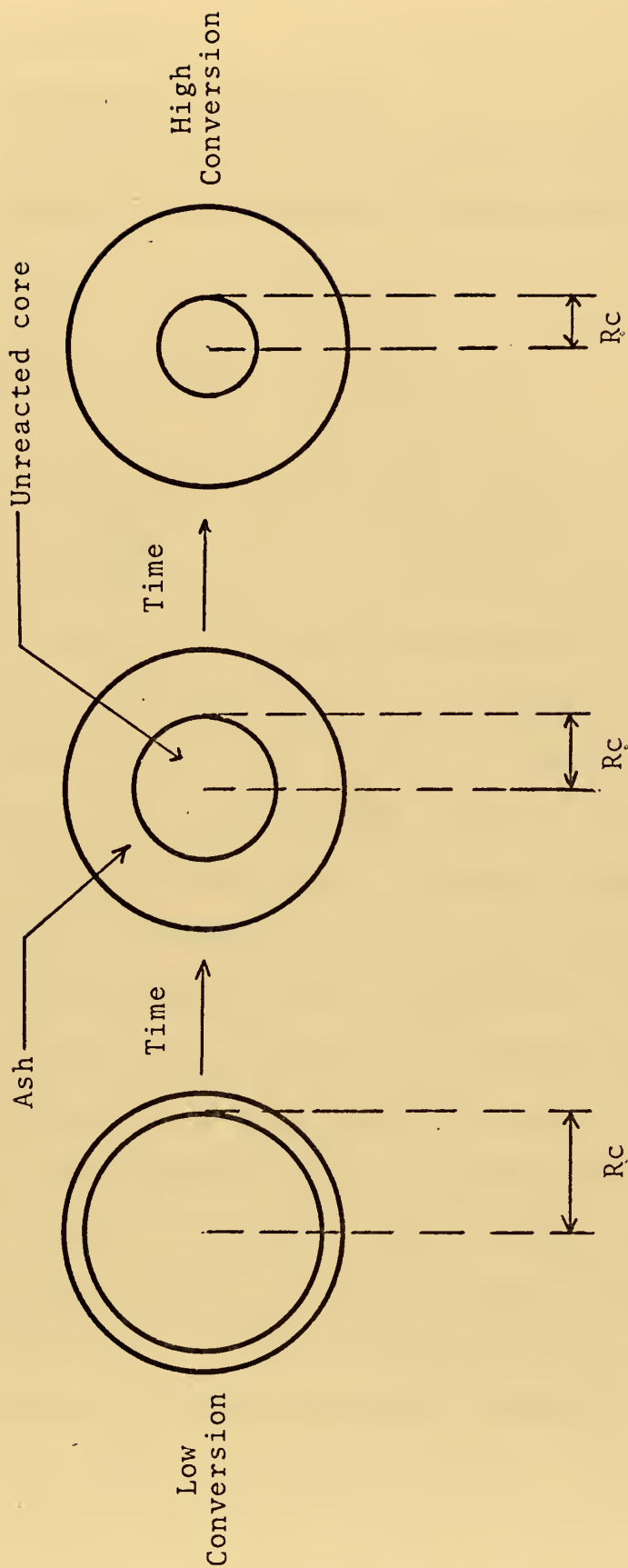
Figure 6. Shrinking Core Reaction Model.

D. MATERIAL BALANCE

   1. Preliminary Assumptions

   A modified reaction rate constant based on unit volume of solids was defined by dividing both sides of Equation (27) by Vo to give

$$\frac{-1}{Vo} \frac{dN_A}{dt} = Kr \ \overline{Cg} \tag{28}$$

where

$$Kr = \frac{24k_c R_c^{\,2}}{Dp^3} \tag{29}$$

Kr is not a constant at a given temperature. It depends upon the core radius, Rc, which is a measure of the average level of conversion of the solids. It was assumed in this investigation that each of the N sections into which the bed was divided contains solids having a uniform conversion level or stated in terms of the shrinking core model having an equal unreacted core size. Furthermore, because of backmixing within each section, the solids swept upward from the Nth section to the $(N+1)^{th}$ section in the wake of bubbles were assumed to have a conversion level characteristic of the Nth section. This is also true for the downward flowing emulsion solids. These assumptions are shown in Figure 7. It should be noted that no real physical significance can be attached to the concept of having an average core radius within each section. It is obvious that the radius of the solids entering the Nth section from the $(N+1)^{th}$ section does not increase to that of the material

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Figure 7. Core Size Distribution.

Product

[N+1]

WB(N)   WE(N+1)

[N]

WB(N-1)   WE(N)

[N-1]

Feed Particle
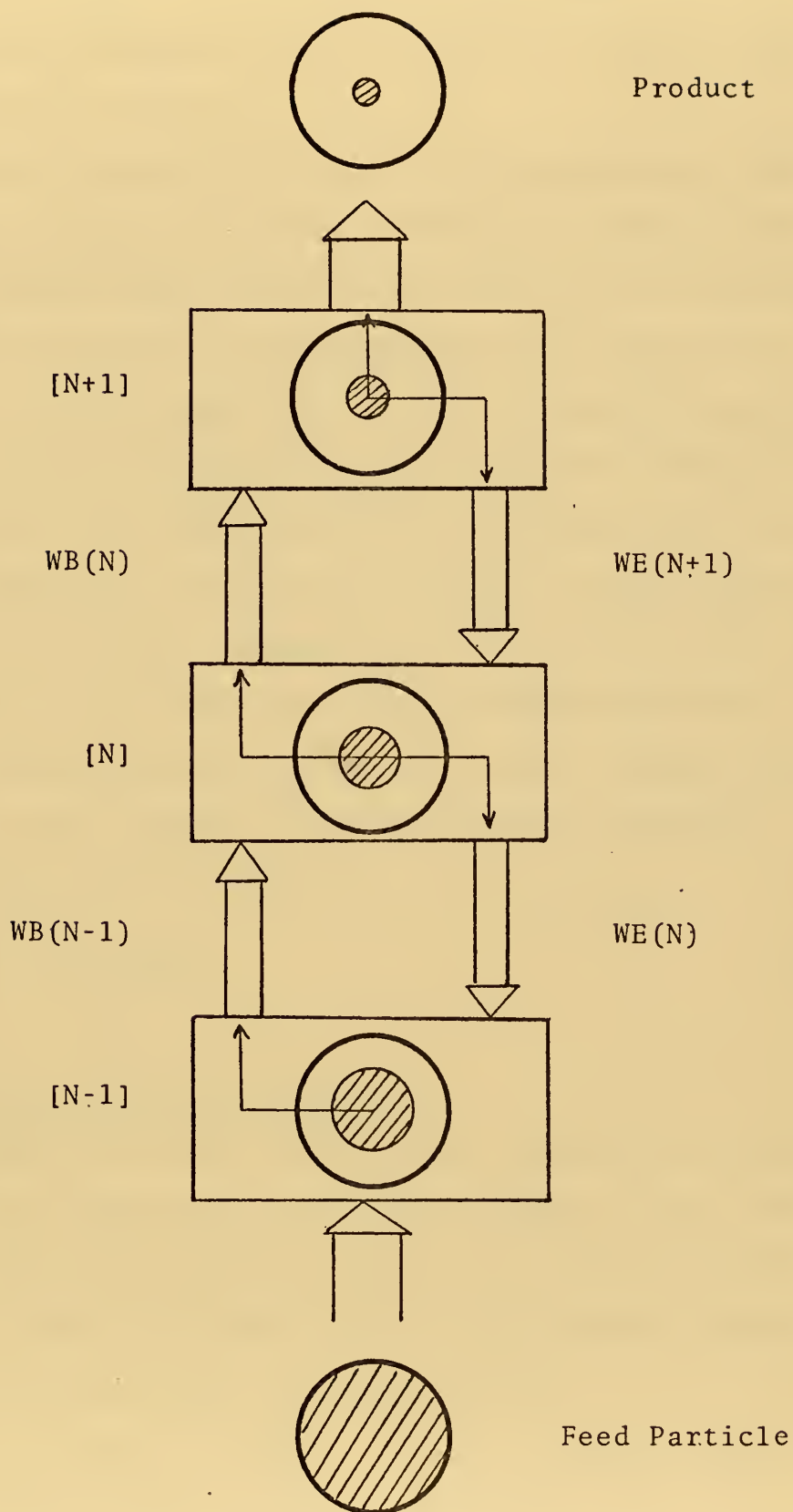
in the Nth section. This assumption was made merely to simplify the mathematical representation in terms of the section material balances.

To further simplify the physical representation, the shrinking core model was used to define an average solid reactant concentration for any particular solid conversion level. This approach can be explained with the aide of Figure 8. It was assumed that within each particle, reactant is uniformly dispersed through the entire volume of the particle. Since the shrinking core model states that reaction takes place only at the surface of the unreacted core, using the above assumption it can be stated that the unreacted core of a partially converted particle has a reactant concentration equal to the initial reactant concentration. The average concentration for the entire particle was then estimated as

$$CS = \frac{CS_o \, V_{core}}{V_o} \tag{30}$$

2. Section Material Balances

Steady state mass balances on the gaseous reactant were used to characterize the flow streams of the system. Figure 9 shows an individual section and the associated gas flow streams. The material balances for the bubble phase and emulsion phase can be written as

$$U_{vol} \, [CGB_{N-1} - CGB_N] + (K_{be})_N \, VB_N \, [CGE_N - CGB_N]$$

$$- \gamma_{cN} Kr_n CGB_N = 0 \tag{31}$$

Figure 8. Radial Solid Concentration Profile.
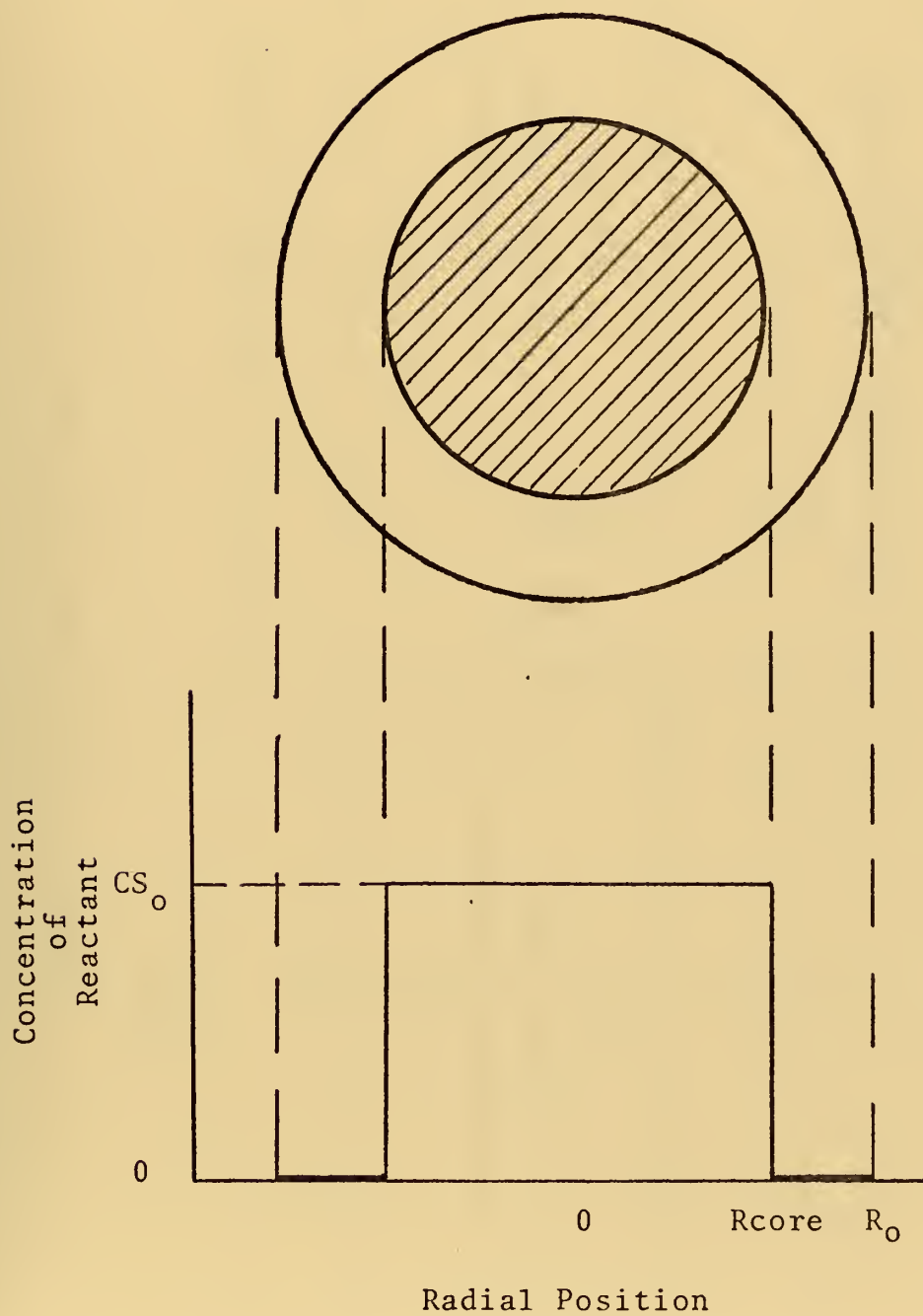
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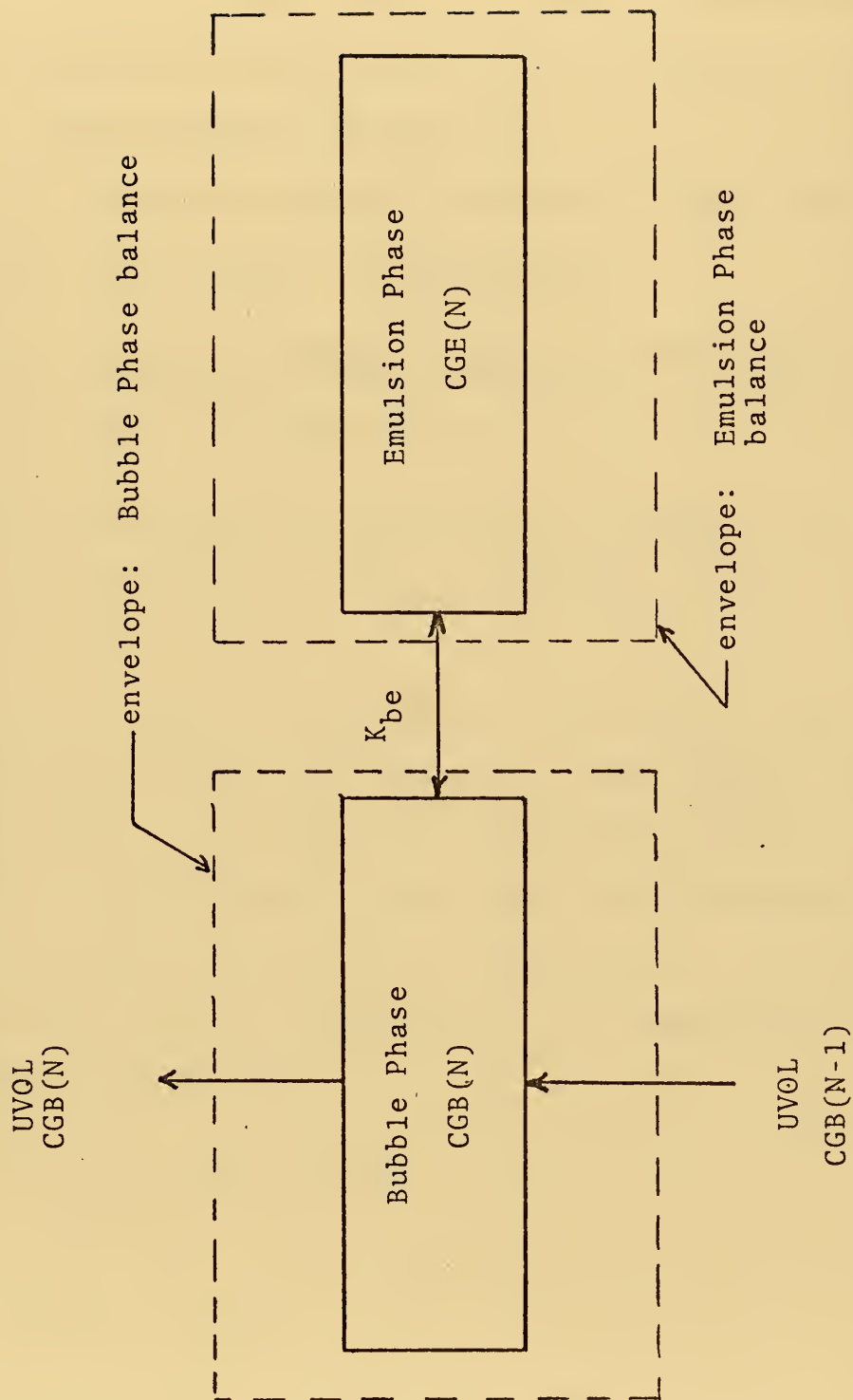
$$(Kbe)_N [CGB_N - CGE_N] - \gamma_{eN} Kr_n CGE_N = 0 \qquad (32)$$

Included in the reaction term are γ_c and γ_e which define the distribution of solids between the two phases of the section. These terms are defined as

γ_c = Volume of Solids Dispersed in Clouds and Wakes

$$\gamma_c = [VC_N + \alpha VB_N] \cdot [1 - \varepsilon MF]/1728.0 \qquad (33)$$

γ_e = Volume of Solids Dispersed in The Emulsion

$$\gamma_e = VE_N \cdot [1 - \varepsilon MF]/1728.0 \qquad (34)$$

The material balances were derived on the basis of zero gas flow in the emulsion and complete backmixing within each phase.

In the top reactor section, the cloud phase volume must be modified to account for extension of the bubbles above the bed surface. The bubble was described as shown in Figure 10. In this modification, only the fractional volume of the cloud phase associated with that part of the bubble below the bed surface is considered. The equations for cloud phase then become

$$VC = N \cdot [V_{FR} - VB_{FR}]$$

where

$$DIFH \leq 0.5 \, \Delta H_N$$

$$V_{FR} = 1.0472 \, [DIFH]^2 [3.0 R_{c\ell} - DIFH] \qquad (35)$$

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Figure 10.   Top Section Modification.

Calculated Cloud
Volume
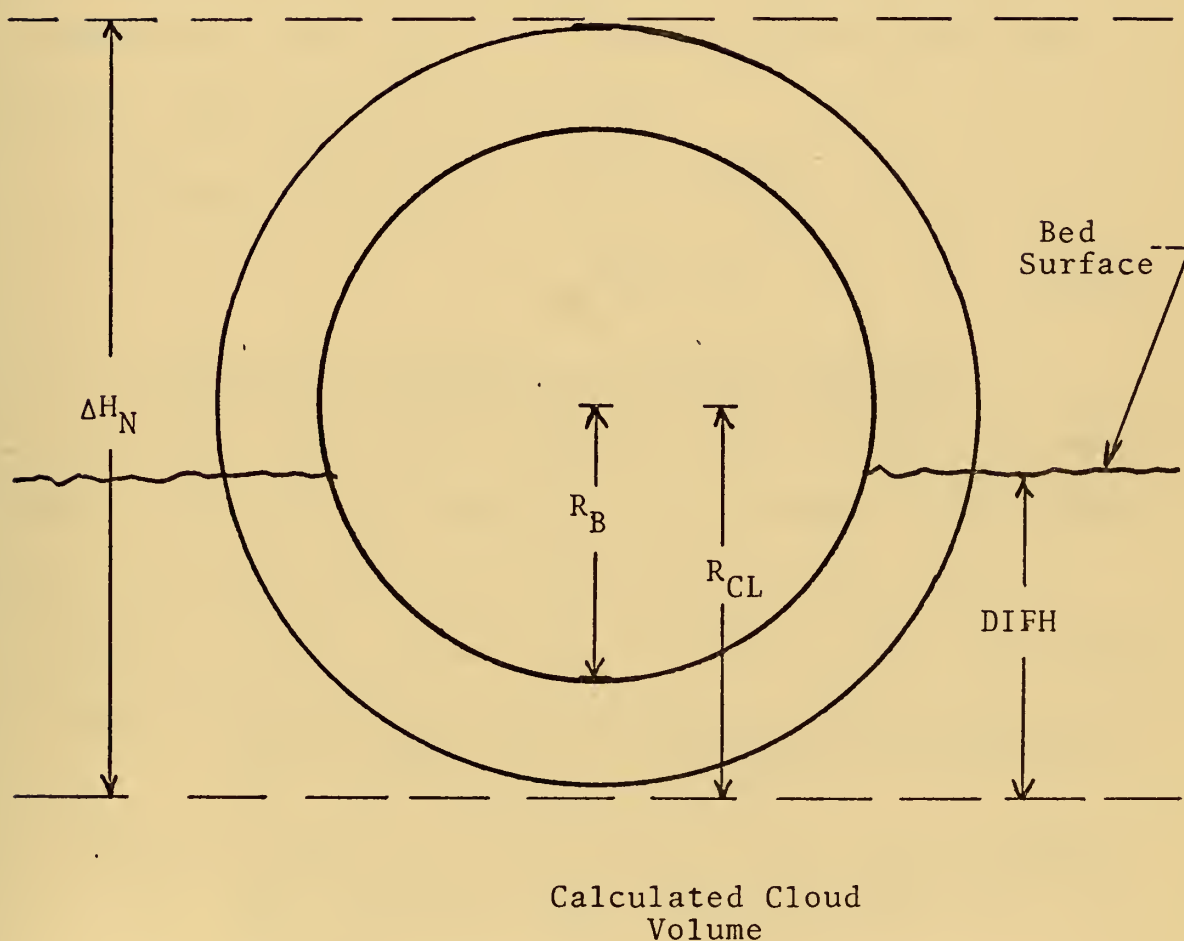
$$VB_{FR} = 1.0472[DIFH-R_{c\ell}+R_B]^2[2.0R_B-DIFH+R_{c\ell}] \quad (36)$$

$$DIFH > 0.5 \Delta H_N$$

$$VB_{FR} = V_{T1} - 1.0472[\Delta H-DIFH]^2[3.0R_{c\ell}-\Delta H+DIFH] \quad (37)$$

$$VB_{FR}=VB_1-1.0472[\Delta H-DIFH-R_{c\ell}+R_B]^2[2.0R_B-\Delta H+DIFH+R_{c\ell}]$$
$$(38)$$

An overall material balance on both the solid and gas streams was derived from Figure 11 which shows the bed representation from the $(N-1)^{th}$ section down to the feed section. An overall balance yields

$$bU_{vol}[CG_o-CGB_{N-1}] = W_fCS_o + WE_NCS_N$$

$$- WB_{N-1}CS_{N-1} \quad (39)$$

3. Solution of the Material Balance Equations

A trial and error procedure was used to obtain solutions to the material balances of the system. The procedure can be characterized by the three major steps involved

Step 1: Assume the exit gas stream concentration CGB(N)

Step 2: Solve each of the section material balances to obtain the required initial gas concentration for the assumption of Step 1.

Step 3: Compare the calculated initial gas concentration with the known value (CG_o) and continue the calculation until they are equal by adjusting the value of CGB(N).

A detailed description of the completion of Step 2 is given in the next three sections.

a. Calculation for the Top Section

The bed with the Nth section isolated is shown

Figure 11. Flow Streams for Overall Material Balance.
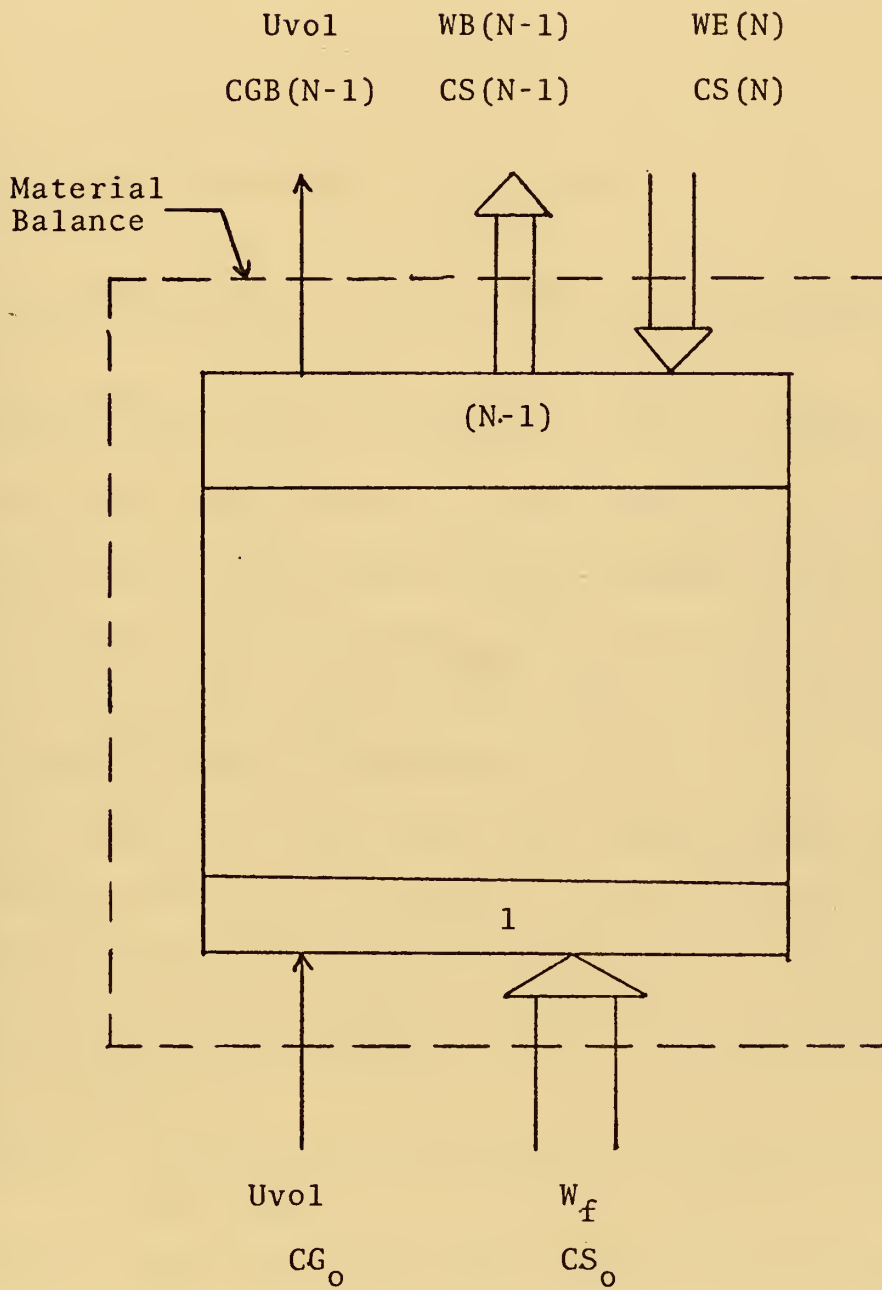
in Figure 12. Four material balances can be derived from this figure:

$$U_{vol}[CGB_{N-1}-CGB_N] + (K_{be})_N VB_N[CGE_N-CGB_N]$$

$$- \gamma_{cN} Kr_N CGB_N = 0 \tag{40}$$

$$(K_{be})_N VB_N[CGB_N-CGE_N] - \gamma_{eN} Kr_N CGE_N = 0 \tag{41}$$

$$bU_{vol}[CG_o-CGB_{N-1}] = W_f CS_o + WE_N CS_N - WB_{N-1} CS_{N-1} \tag{42}$$

$$bU_{vol}[CGB_{N-1}-CGB_N] = WB_{N-1} CS_{N-1} - W_f CS_N - WE_N CS_N \tag{43}$$

Equations (40) and (41) are the gas reactant material balances for the bubble and emulsion phase, Equation (42) is the overall material balance over the $(N-1)^{th}$ section to the feed section, and Equation (43) is the balance for both streams in the Nth section.

The solution of these equations requires knowledge of the average core size of material in the Nth section for evaluation of Kr, the reaction rate constant. This is not known and therefore a second trial and error solution proceeds as follows.

Step 1: Guess Rcore and calculate Kr from Equation (29) and Vcore.

Step 2: Calculate CGE(N) and CGB(N-1) from Equations (41) and (40).

Step 3: Calculate CS(N) from Equation (30).

Step 4: Calculate CS(N-1) from Equation (42).

Step 5: Repeat the calculations until the section material balance Equation (43) is satisfied.

Figure 12. Top Section Material Balances.
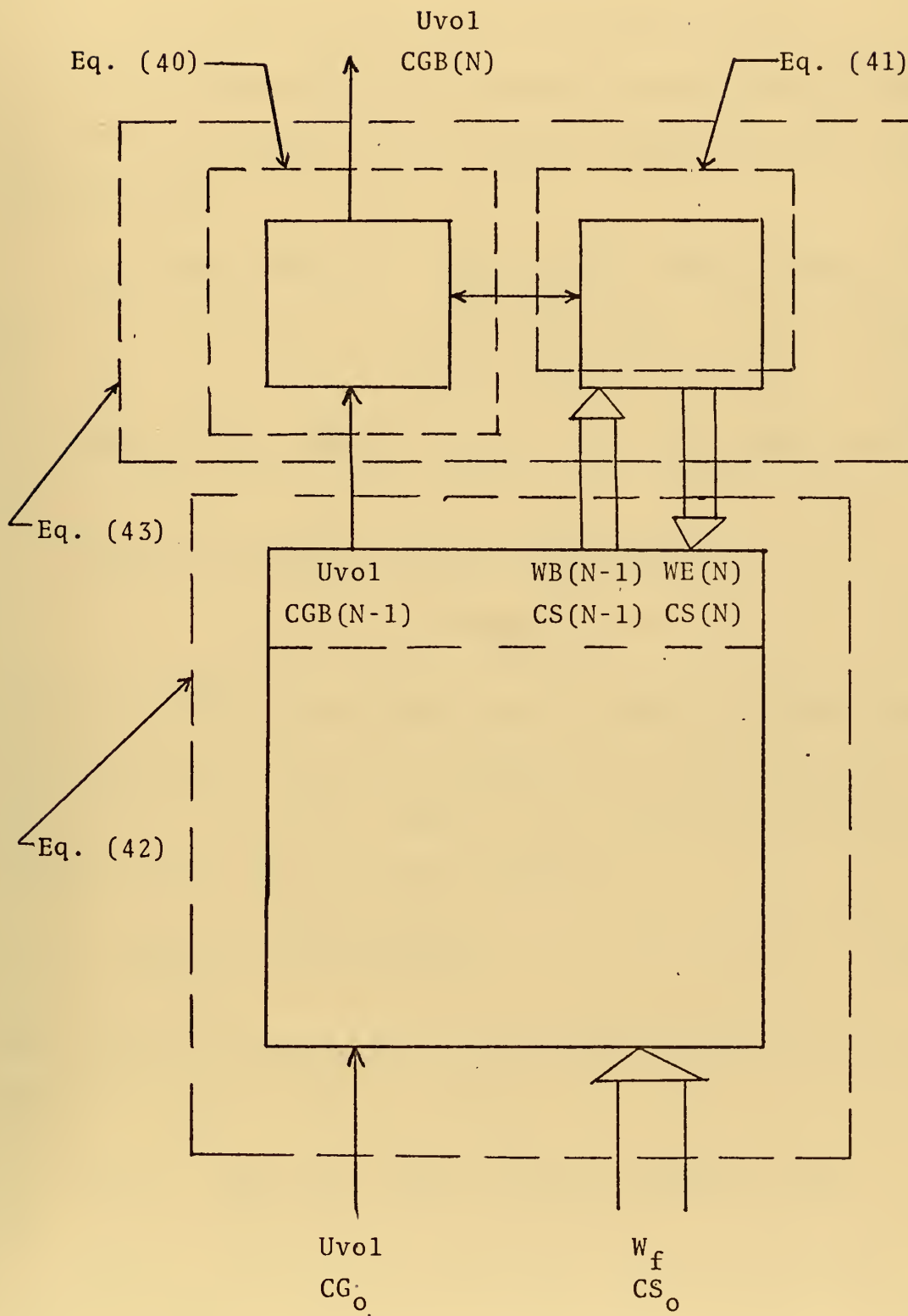
When Step 5 has been completed, the solution proceeds to the $(N-1)^{th}$ section.

b. Calculations for the $(N-1)^{th}$ Section

The middle bed sections are characterized by the three standard material balance equations which can be written as

$$U_{vol}[CGB_{N-2} - CGB_{N-1}] + (K_{be})_{N-1}VB_{N-1}[CGE_{N-1} - CGB_{N-1}]$$

$$- \gamma_{cN-1}Kr_{N-1}CGB_{N-1} = 0 \qquad (44)$$

$$(Kbe)_{N-1}VB_{N-1}[CGB_{N-1} - CGE_{N-1}] - \gamma_{eN-1}Kr_{N-1}CGE_{N-1} = 0 \qquad (45)$$

$$bU_{vol}[CG_o - CGB_{N-1}] = W_fCS_o + WE_{N-1}CS_{N-1}$$

$$+ WB_{N-2}CS_{N-2} = 0 \qquad (46)$$

Solution of these equations does not require a trial and error procedure since the average core size of material in the $(N-1)^{th}$ section is fixed by the results of the calculations on the $(N)^{th}$ section through

$$CS_{N-1} = \frac{CS_o Vcore_{N-1}}{V_Q} \qquad (47)$$

This equation defines Rcore and Kr for the $(N-1)^{th}$ section. Solution then proceeds as follows

Step 5: CGE(N-1), CGB(N-2) are calculated from Equations (45) and (44).

Step 6: CS(N-2) is calculated from Equation (46).

This procedure is repeated until the feed section is reached.

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c. Calculation for the Feed Section

The material balances around the feed section can be written as

$$U_{vol}[CG_o - CGB_1] + (K_{be})_1 VB_1 [CGE_1 - CGB_1]$$

$$- \gamma_{c1} Kr_1 CGB_1 = 0 \qquad (48)$$

$$(K_{be})_1 VB_1 [CGB_1 - CGE_1] - \gamma_{e1} Kr_1 CGE_1 = 0 \qquad (49)$$

As is the case for the middle sections, a trial and error procedure is not required for their solution on this basis, solution was completed as follows

Step 7: Rcore is calculated from CS(1) obtained from the calculations on section two.

Step 8: Kr and CGE(1) are calculated from Equations (29) and (49).

Step 9: CG_o is calculated from Equation (48).

The initial gas concentration calculated in Step 9 is then compared with the known value of CG_o. This provides a test of the validity of the assumed value of the exit gas concentration CGB(N). If the calculated CG_o does not equal the experimental value, CGB(N) is adjusted and the entire calculation repeated. When the equality exists, the material balances for each section and the overall material balance for the bed have been satisfied and the solution completed. The computer flow chart for the solution of the material balances is given in Figure 13.

Figure 13. Flow Chart for the Solution of the Material Balances.
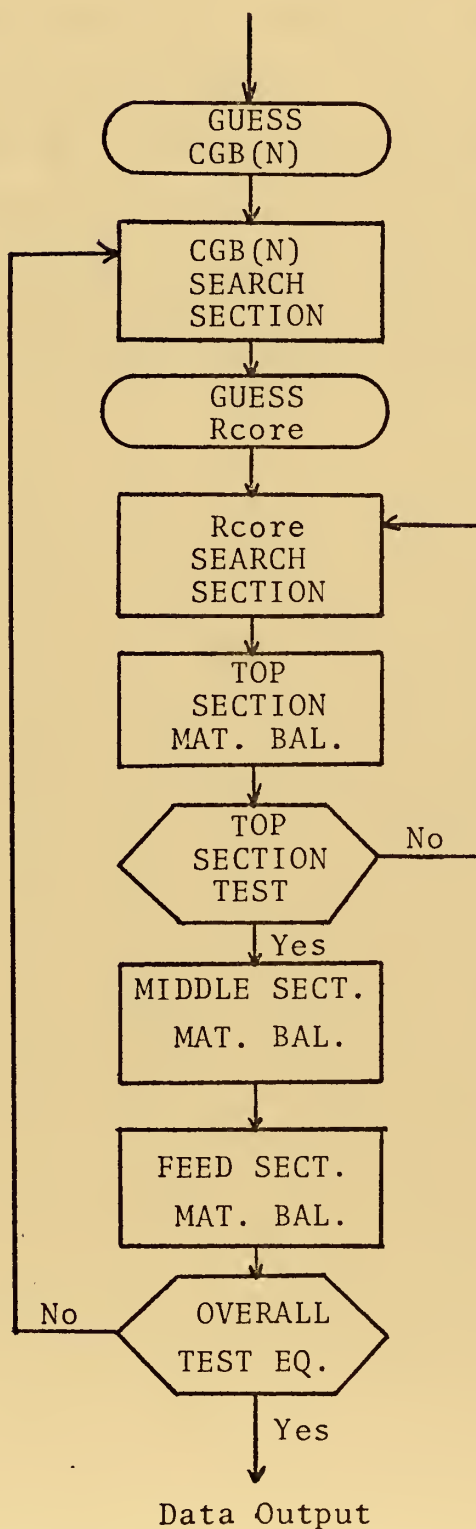
E. THE COMPUTER MODEL

The program developed to model the fluid bed reactor is given in the COMPUTER PROGRAM SECTION. The program was designed to be completely self-contained, that is, no external calculations are required. The input variables are listed in Table II. They represent common design variables and therefore would normally be well defined. In Table III the program is divided into its three major sections and the calculations completed in each are listed.

TABLE II

COMPUTER INPUT VARIABLES

1. Reactor Diameter
2. Number of Holes per in.^{2} in the Distributor (0 for Porous Plate)
3. Weight of Solids in the Bed
4. Diameter of the Bed Solids
5. Radius of Reactant
6. Density of Bed Solids
7. Density of Reactant
8. Bed Temperature
9. Stoichiometric Constant
10. Kinetic Rate Constant
12. Molecular Weight of Solid Reactant
13. Solid Feed Rate
14. Initial Solid Concentration
15. Initial Gas Concentration
16. Superficial Gas Velocity at Room Temperature
17. Superficial Gas Velocity at the Bed Temperature
18. Alpha (Volume of Wake/Volume Bubble)
19. Initial Section Height
20. Initial Guess of CGB(N)
21. Increment of Gas Search

TABLE III

MAJOR COMPUTER PROGRAM SECTIONS

A. PRELIMINARY CALCULATIONS	B. SECTION CALCULATION	C. MATERIAL BALANCE
1. Gas Properties	1. Bed Voidage	1. Section Gas and Solid Concentrations
2. Bed Characteristics at Minimum Fluidization	2. Section Heights	2. Overall Reactant Conversion
3. Terminal Velocity	3. Phase Volumes	3. Conversion Based on Backmixed Equations
4. Maximum Bubble Size	4. Solid Distribution Functions	
5. Average Bubble Size and Bed Height	5. Bubble Rise Velocities	
	6. Gas Exchange Coefficients	
	7. Solid Flow Streams	

IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The model developed in the previous section was used to study a sulfide ore roasting reaction following the stoichiometric equation

$$2ZnS + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2AnO + 2SO_2 \tag{50}$$
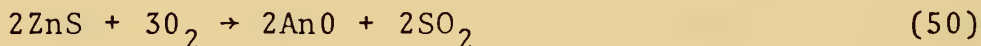
The experimental results obtained by Yagi et al [34] were used for evaluating the model. The performance of the model was judged by its ability to predict experimental conversions. This presentation is divided into two sections. In the first, the overall results are presented predicted by the model of Wen and Yoshida [1]. In the second section, the effects of the major assumptions used in the development of the model are investigated. This section represents a detailed study of the model performance.

A. OVERALL RESULTS: GENERAL MODEL PERFORMANCE

In Table IV, the experimental data of Yagi et al [34], the calculated conversions obtained by Wen and Yoshida [1], and those from the model developed in this investigation are tabulated. In these runs, the height of the first section ΔH_1 was assumed to be 1.0 cm. This assumption was proposed by Wen and Yoshida for reactors having porous plate distributors. The validity of this assumption is discussed in another part of this section. The input data for these runs are given in Table VIII of the Appendix.

TABLE IV

COMPARISON OF OVERALL RESULTS WITH LITERATURE DATA

Run No.	Conv. Exp.	Conv. Model	% Error	Conv. WEN	% Error
1	99.4	99.9	0.59	99.8	0.43
2	97.2	99.9	2.77	98.5	1.34
3	88.7	99.4	10.75	90.0	1.47
4	91.0	99.2	8.31	93.0	2.18
6	86.5	97.2	11.05	86.9	0.46
7	93.5	99.7	6.22	95.0	1.61
10	85.4	97.1	12.01	-	-
11	80.6	91.2	11.62	-	-
12	72.4	81.8	11.49	-	-
13	91.7	99.9	8.17	-	-

The data shows that the model predicts conversions which are significantly higher than the experimental values. For experimental runs having relatively high conversions (>90%), the material is essentially completely reacted within the bed (>99% conversion). The average percent error of the calculated conversions for all runs was 8.3%. The maximum error was 12.01% for Run 10 and the minimum was 0.59% in Run 1. The model did not predict for any of the runs, a conversion less than the experimental value. Low percentage error for runs having higher conversion can therefore be expected.

The calculated conversions reported by Wen and Yoshida show much better agreement with the experimental data. The average percentage error for their runs was 1.25%. These investigators did not report results for experimental runs in which low conversions were found and for which the model proposed in this investigation had the highest error. On the basis of the six runs reported by Wen and Yoshida, the error for the proposed model becomes 6.60%.

B. EFFECTS OF THE MAJOR ASSUMPTIONS

1. Modified Section Height Calculation

The height of each section was originally calculated by taking the average bubble diameter at a particular height as described in the MODEL DEVELOPMENT SECTION. When this is done, a portion of the cloud surrounding the bubble actually extends beyond the section boundaries as shown in Figure 14. The volume of the cloud phase associated with

Figure 14. Section Height Based on Bubble Size.

Cloud

Bubble
Phase

ΔH_N
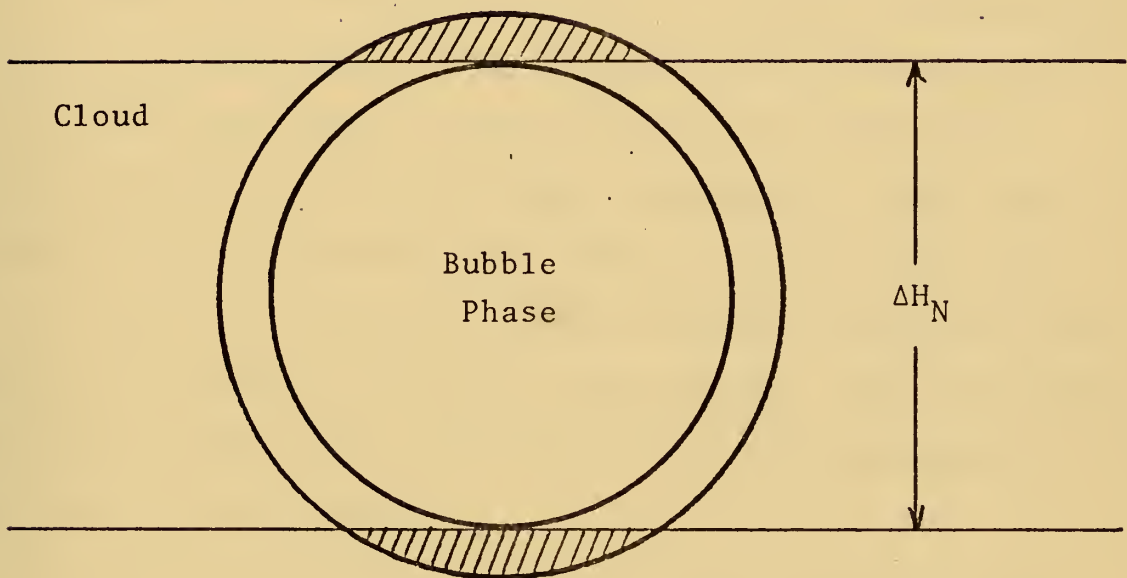
Hatch areas show volume of cloud
phase which extends above and
below section boundaries

each section, therefore, is slightly larger than the correct value. Furthermore, this portion of cloud volume is counted twice when succeeding sections are considered.

Figure 15 shows a plot of the gas concentrations for the bubble and emulsion phase as a function of height above the distributor. It can be seen that the bubble gas concentration is considerably greater than the concentration of gas in the emulsion phase. As a result, solids in the bubble wake and cloud react with gas of higher concentration than emulsion solids. It was theorized that the inaccuracies in the prediction of the volume of the cloud phase resulting from the section height calculation, might contribute to the prediction of a larger overall conversion.

To test this theory, the section height calculation was modified to include the entire cloud volume. The equations necessary to make this modification and their derivation are given in the Appendix.

The conversion results obtained from the modified program are given in Table V. No significant change in the predicted conversions was found. The overall percent error was 8.30% which equals that found for the original program. The average error for the six runs reported by Wen and Yoshida was found to be only slightly higher at 6.64%. The maximum change in predicted conversion occurred for Run 12 where the conversion calculated from the modified program was found to be 1.6% higher than the original calculation. These results show that the error in cloud phase volume

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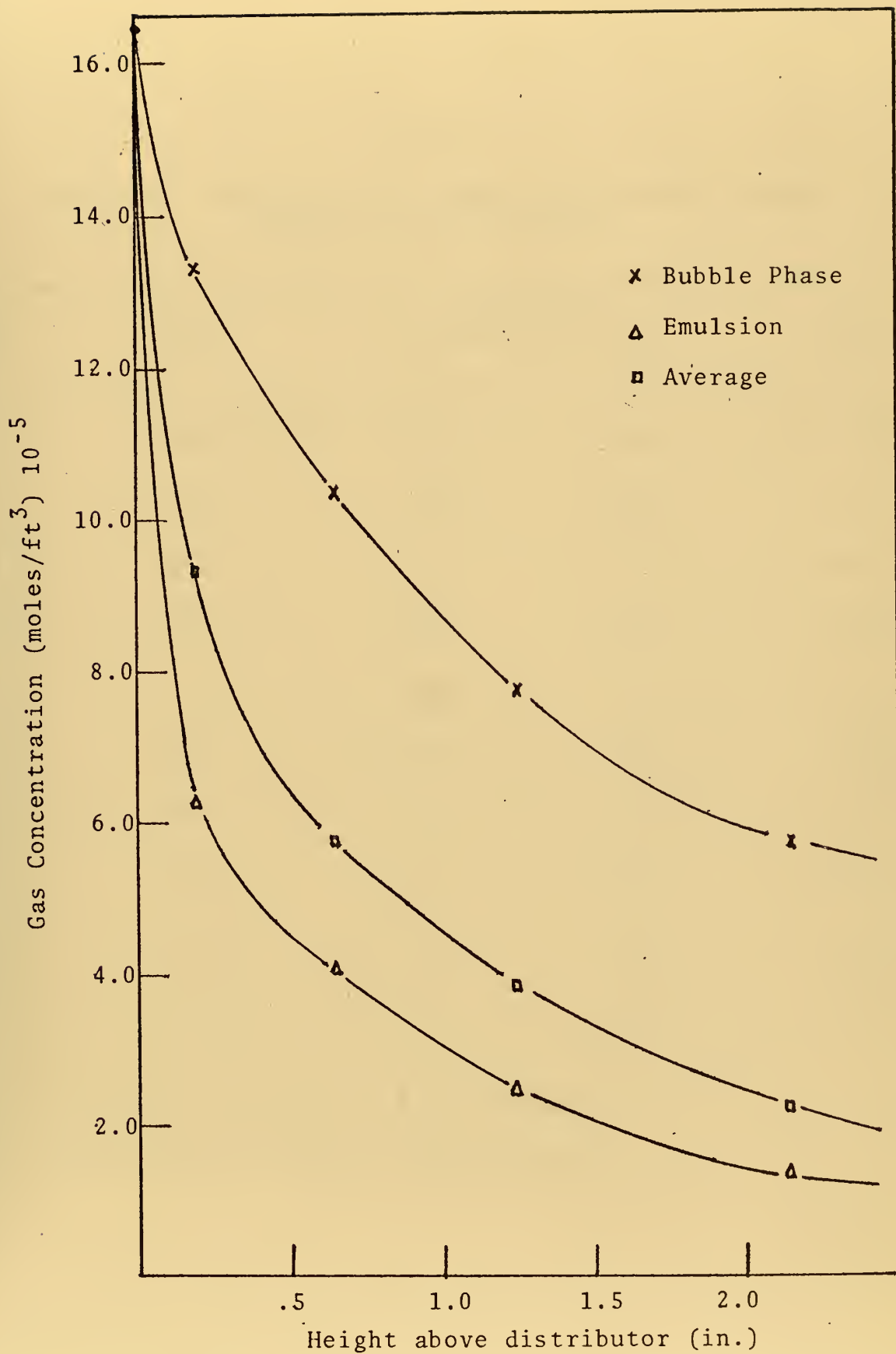
Figure 15. Gas Concentration Profiles for Run 12;
ΔH_1 Based on Cloud Size.

TABLE V

PREDICTED CONVERSIONS FOR MODEL WITH SECTION HEIGHT
BASED ON THE CLOUD DATA

Run No.	Conv. Exp.	Conversion		% Error B
		A	B	
1	99.4	99.9	99.9	0.59
2	97.2	99.9	99.9	2.77
3	88.7	99.4	99.4	10.73
4	91.0	99.2	99.3	8.36
6	86.5	97.2	97.6	11.10
7	93.5	99.7	99.7	6.24
10	85.4	97.1	97.2	12.15
11	80.6	91.2	91.9	12.29
12	72.4	81.8	83.1	10.67
13	91.7	99.9	99.8	8.17

A: Section Height Based on Bubble Diameter

B: Section Height Based on Cloud Diameter

resulting from calculating the section heights on the basis
of average bubble size is not a significant factor. In the
rest of this study, however, the modified section height
calculation was retained.

  2. Backmixing Considerations

      In the development of this model, it was assumed
that the solids within a particular section have an equal
average concentration and conversion level. This concept
implicitly assumes that every particle fed to the reactor
has a residence time which is equal to that of any other
particle. The mean residence time being defined as

$$\bar{t} = \frac{W_t}{\rho p W_f} \tag{51}$$

      Investigators [15,35] studying the flow patterns and
residence times in fluidized·beds have shown that a residence
time distribution (RTD) actually exists for the feed
particles. This concept implies that some feed solids have
a residence time which is far less than the average, while
others have residence times greater than the average. As
a result, the product of a reaction occurring in a fluidized
bed does not have a uniform conversion level. Kunii and
Levenspiel [15] proposed that the RTD can be expressed by
defining an exit age distribution function E(t) as

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{\bar{t}} e^{-t/\bar{t}} \tag{52}$$

where E(t)dt is the fraction of solids staying in the bed
for a time between t and t+dt. This expression has been

shown to correlate experimental residence times very accurately.

The normalized exit age distribution function is plotted in Figure 16. The shaded area represents the fraction of material having a residence time equal to $\bar{t}\pm10\%$. This fraction was found to be only 7.2% of the total bed material. This observation indicates that the assumption that all the solids in the bed have a residence time equal to $\bar{t}$ might be a gross oversimplification leading to poor calculated results.

To test this theory, overall bed conversions based on a non-uniform bed residence time were calculated using average gas concentrations predicted by the model. The equations used were those given by Kunii and Levenspiel [15]. According to these authors, the mean conversion of the product stream can be defined as

$$XB = 3\left(\frac{\bar{t}}{\tau}\right) - 6\left(\frac{\bar{t}}{\tau}\right)^2 + 6\left(\frac{\bar{t}}{\tau}\right)^3\left(1.0 - e^{-\tau/\bar{t}}\right) \quad (53)$$

where the time for complete conversion is equal to

$$\tau = \frac{\rho'pDp}{2bkc\bar{C}g} \quad (54)$$

The overall average gas concentration $\bar{C}g$ was calculated as a weighted average of the section gas concentrations.

$$\bar{C}g = \frac{\sum\limits_{1}^{N} \bar{t}_N\bar{C}g_N}{\bar{t}} \quad (55)$$

The results of the calculation are presented in Table VI.
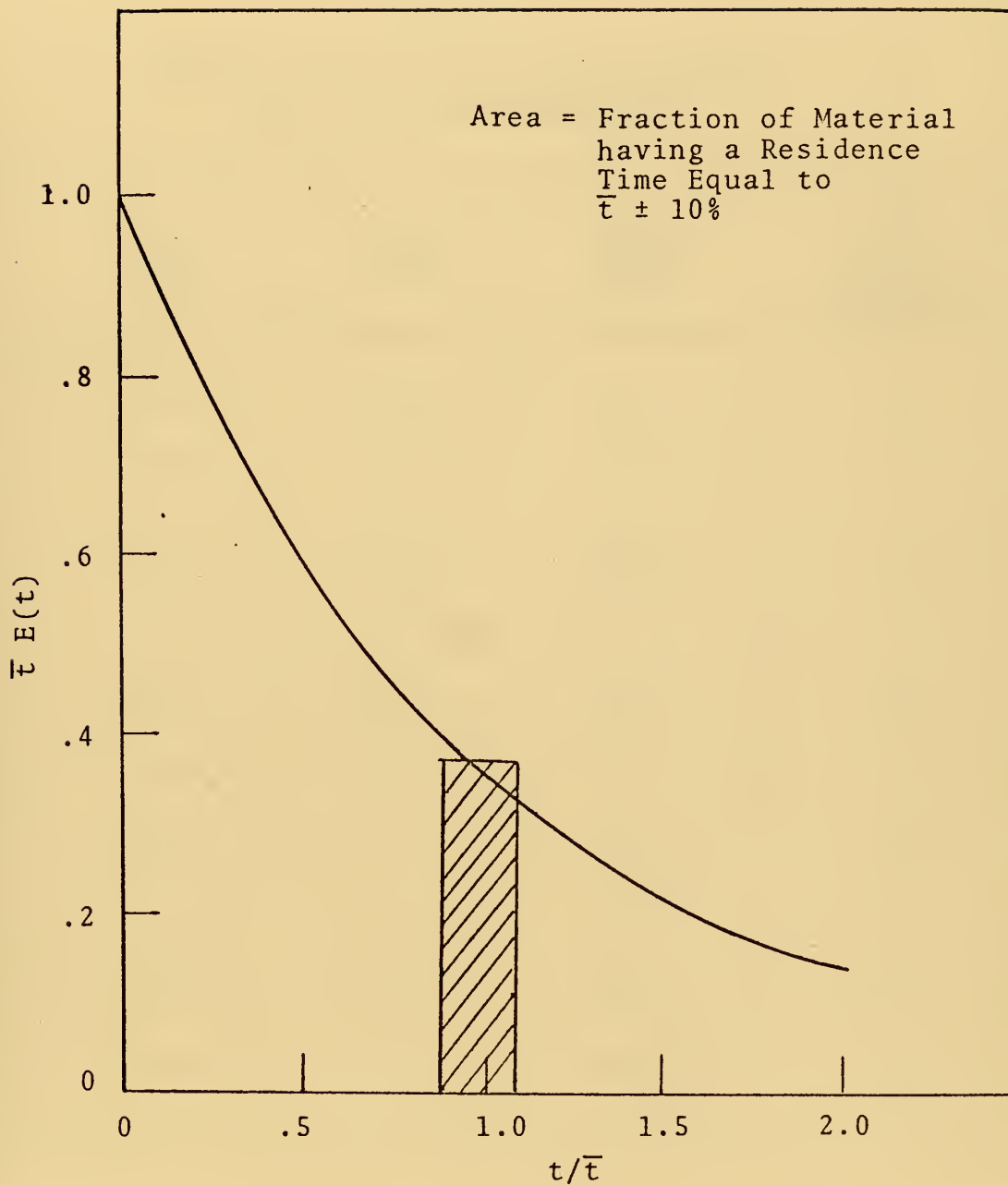
Figure 16. Exit Age Distribution.

TABLE VI

RESULTS OF CONVERSION CALCULATIONS
FROM BACKMIXED EQUATIONS

Run No.	Conv. Exp.	Conv. WEN	Conv. Model B.M.	% Error for B.M. Convers.
1	99.4	99.8	99.5	0.1
2	97.2	98.5	98.9	1.75
3	88.7	90.0	95.6	7.78
4	91.0	93.0	94.9	4.29
6	86.5	86.9	87.8	1.60
7	93.5	95.0	97.1	3.85
10	85.4	-	87.9	2.93
11	80.6	-	75.7	6.08
12	72.4	-	61.2	15.47
13	91.7	-	98.2	7.09

The conversions calculated from the backmixed equations show considerably better agreement with experimental results. The overall average error was reduced to 5.08% and the error for the first six runs to 3.21%. These compare with errors of 8.30% and 6.64% obtained from the model. These results indicate that neglecting the existence of a residence time distribution for the bed particles causes the prediction of conversions which are high when compared with experimental results.

The Bubble Assemblage Model proposed by Wen and Yoshida does account for the non-uniform residence times of the bed particles. The close agreement of their results with experimental data is a further indication that the assumption of uniform solid conversion levels in each section incorporated in the model proposed in this investigation is an over-simplification.

3.   Analysis of the Initial Reactor Section

One of the major assumptions required in the analysis of the model performance was the assumption that the height of the first section is equal to 1.0 cm. This assumption is necessary because the reactor used by Yagi had a porous plate distributor for which an accurate calculation of initial bubble size is not possible. The effects of this assumption on their model's performance were tested by Wen and Yoshida. They concluded that the calculated conversions were not sensitive to the height of the first section. Gas and solid reactant concentration profiles given by these investigators, however, show very large changes occurring in the area

directly above the distributor. This observation indicates that the conclusion that the initial section height does not effect the overall results might not be adequate for all reaction conditions. In this section, the results of a detailed study of the first reactor section are given.

It was found that essentially all the reaction occurs in the first section of the bed. Data supporting this observation are given in Table VII. These data show that the concentration of solids leaving the first section is reduced to very nearly the final product concentration level. This observation is not surprising. Many investigators [36,37] have reported that the primary reaction zone is the area directly above the distributor. This fact emphasizes the necessity to accurately model the initial section.

Wen and Yoshida have suggested that the only criterion required in determining the effects of the first section height on the overall model performance is the kinetic speed of the reaction, i.e., the value of the rate constant kc. They conclude from their results that the overall conversion for a fast reaction is not effected by the value of ΔH_1 and, therefore, no effect will be seen for reactions having low rate constants.

In Figures 17 and 18 gas concentration profiles for Runs 1 and 12 are plotted. These two runs represent the extremes in experimental conversions which were investigated. Run 1 is kinetically the faster of the two; having a kc = 6.56×10^{-2} ft/sec compared with kc = 0.328×10^{-2} ft/sec

TABLE VII

SOLID CONCENTRATION DATA

Run No.	Initial Conc. mole/ft.^{3}	Avg. Conc. Leaving 1st Section	Avg. Conc. Leaving Top Section
1	2.22	4.3×10^{-4}	2.5×10^{-4}
2	2.22	1.0×10^{-3}	7.6×10^{-4}
6	3.58	8.7×10^{-2}	8.6×10^{-2}
10	3.58	1.0×10^{-1}	9.9×10^{-2}
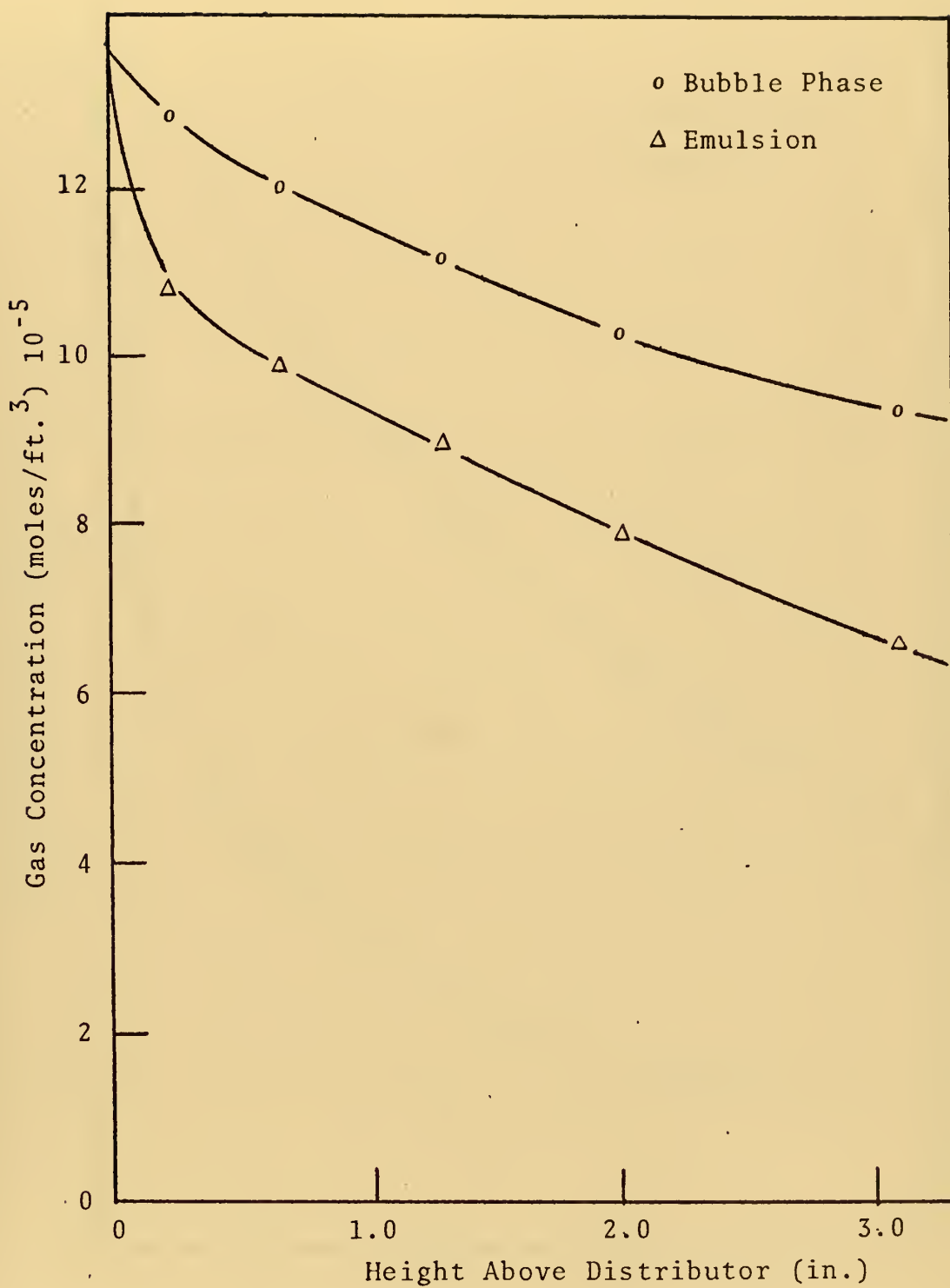
Figure 17. Gas Concentration Profiles for Run 1; ΔH_1 Based Cloud Size.
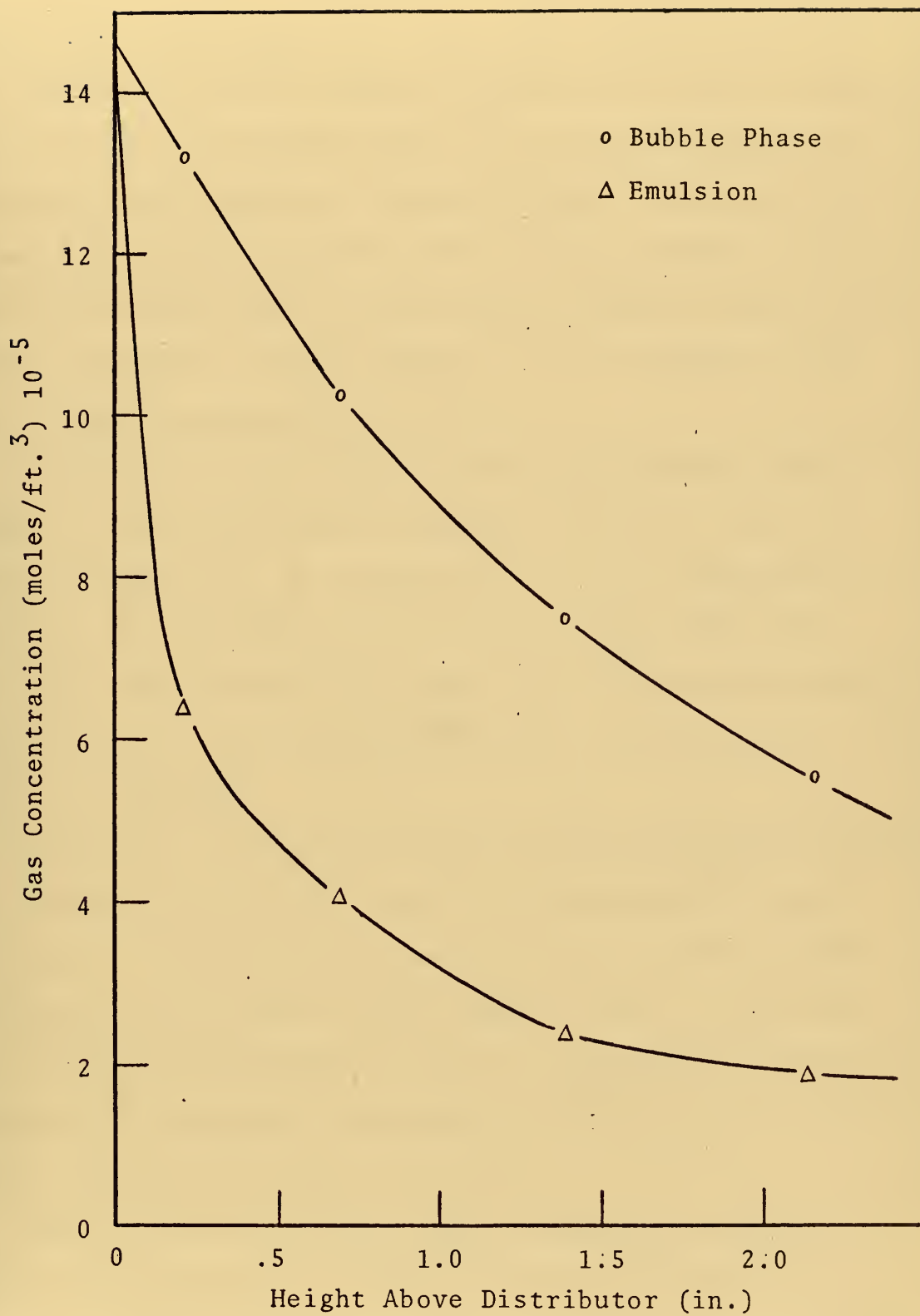
Figure 18.   Gas Concentration Profiles for Run 12; ΔH_1 Based on Cloud Size.

for Run 12. The figures show that gas concentrations for the kinetically slower reaction change more rapidly in the initial height of the bed than do the concentrations for the more rapid reaction. The emulsion gas concentration showed a very rapid drop for Run 12. At a height of 0.5 in. from the distributor, a 71% decrease in emulsion gas concentration was found. This compares to a 27% change in the emulsion gas concentration for Run 1.

The effect on the overall conversion resulting from a change in the initial section height for Runs 1 and 12 is shown in Figure 19. As suggested by the gas concentration profiles, Run 12 shows a sensitivity to ΔH_1, while Run 1 does not. This trend is not expected if Wen's and Yoshida's conclusion that slow reactions are not sensitive to the value of ΔH_1 is accepted.

In Run 12, the reactant feed rate and the initial reactant concentration of the feed were substantially larger than Run 1. The fact that the conversions in Run 12 were sensitive to the value of ΔH_1 suggests that the feed rate and initial concentration as well as the value of the rate constant are important parameters in determining the effect of ΔH_1 on the overall bed conversion.

Runs 10, 11, and 12 were used to study this effect. These runs represent a series in which all parameters except the feed rate are constant. The feed rate increases for this series of runs.

In Figure 20, normalized average gas concentrations are plotted for the three runs. As the feed rate of the solid
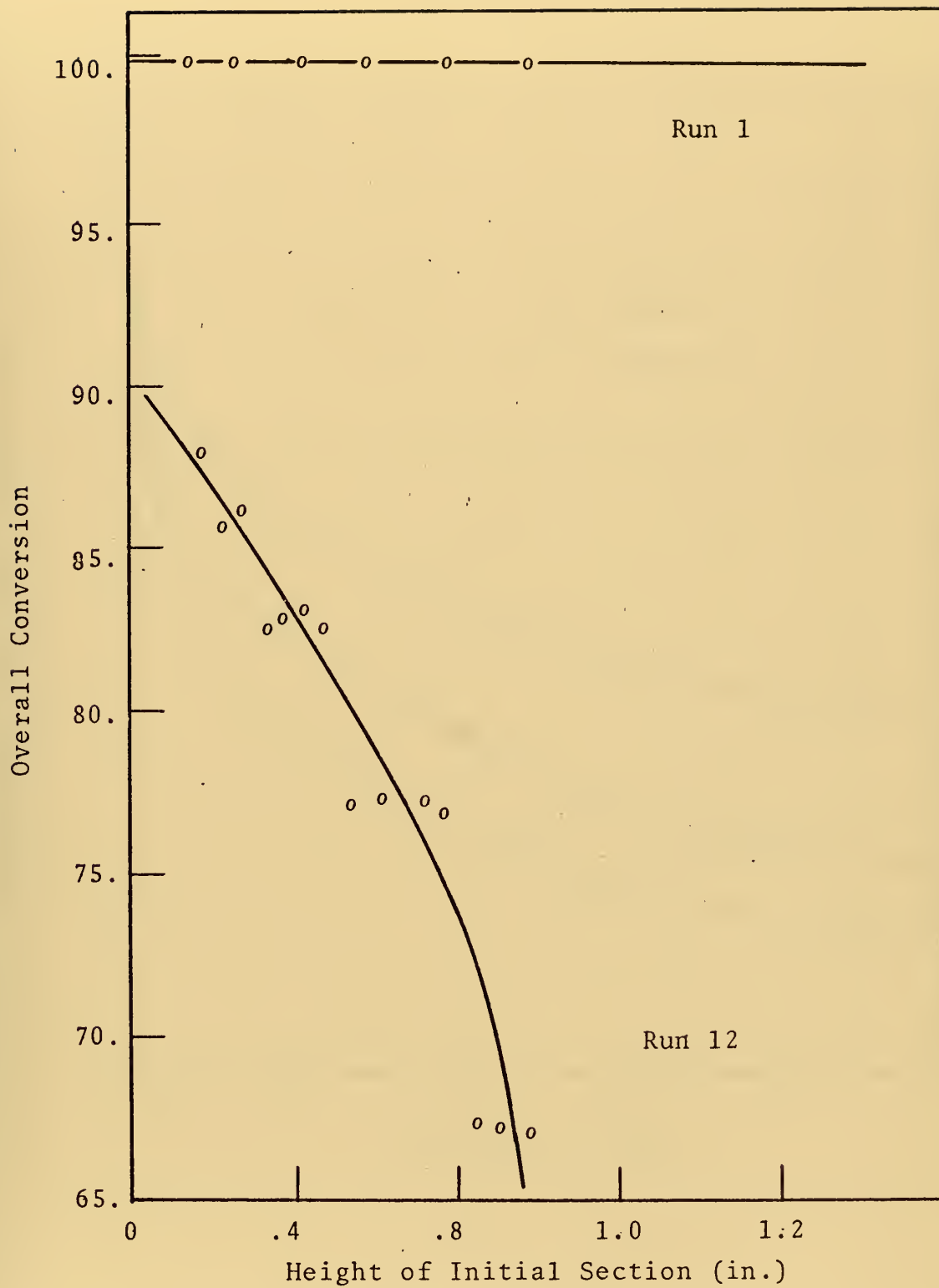
Figure 19.   Conversion Versus ΔH_1 Runs, 1, 12.
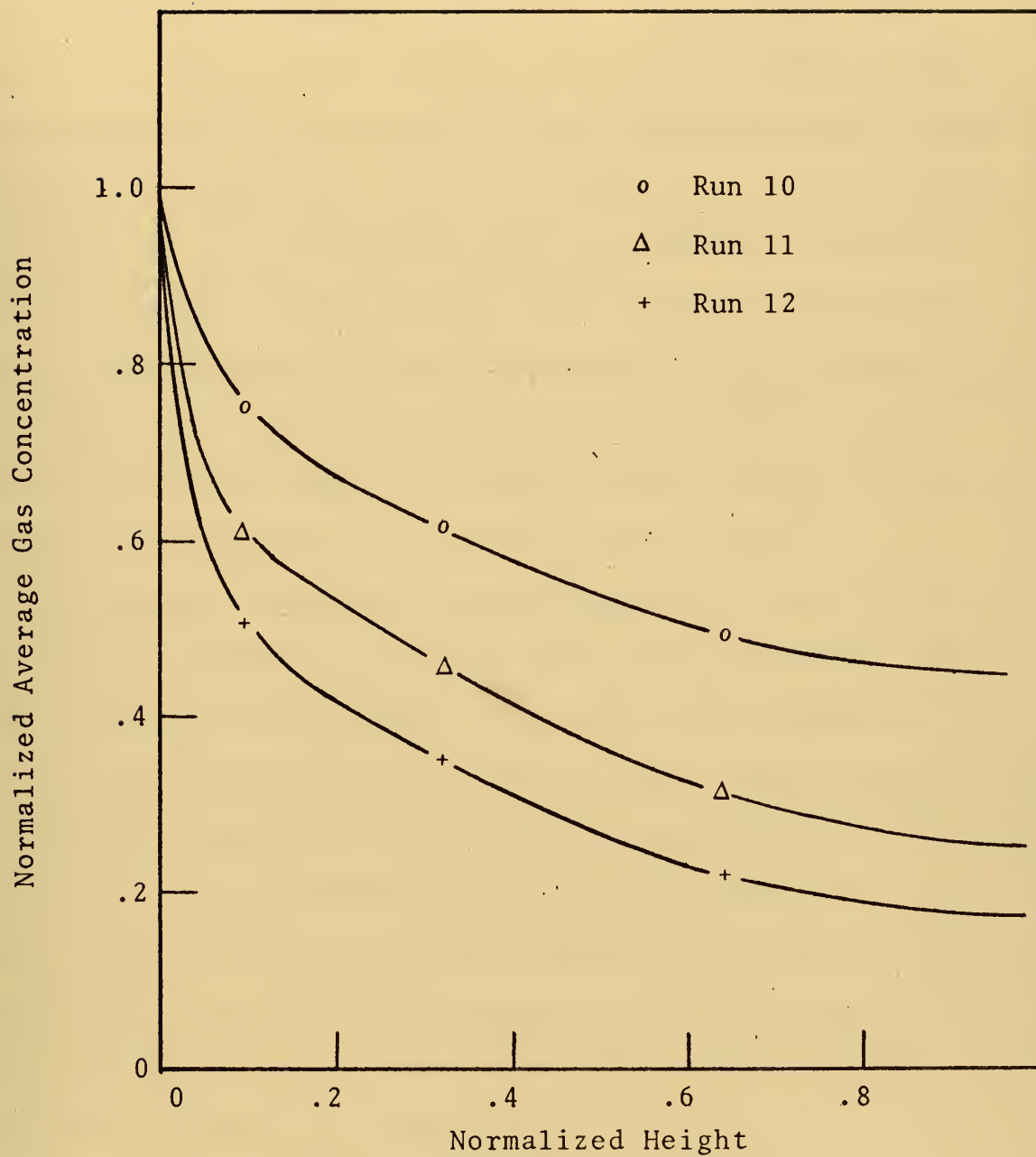
Figure 20. Normalized Gas Concentration
Profiles Runs 10, 11, 12.

to the bed increases, conversion and average gas concentrations decrease as would be expected. All the runs show rapid gas concentration changes near the distributor plate which suggests that the value of ΔH_1 will effect the overall calculated conversion. This was found to be true as shown in Figure 21. Run 12 showed the greatest sensitivity to a change in the initial section size. The conversion for Run 12 decreased by 21% over the range of ΔH_1. For Run 11, the change was only 15% and for Run 10, it was only 5%. These results show that the feed rate does effect the sensitivity of the model to the initial value of ΔH_1.

The complete meaning of this conclusion is not clear, but some speculation concerning the reasons for this feed rate dependency can be made. The fact that conversion was found to be dependent on the value of ΔH_1 can be interpreted to mean that the model will predict experimental conversions accurately if correct values of ΔH_1 are known. This logic ignores the fact that the model might still predict incorrect conversions due to its not accounting for a residence time distribution of solids within the bed, an effect which was previously shown to be significant.

From Figure 21, the values of ΔH_1, for which the model will predict the correct experimental conversions can be read. The values are: Run 10, > 1.0; Run 11, 0.88; and Run 12, 0.83 in. The interesting fact is that ΔH_1 is different for the three runs and decreases as the feed flow rate is increased. One would expect that for the same gas
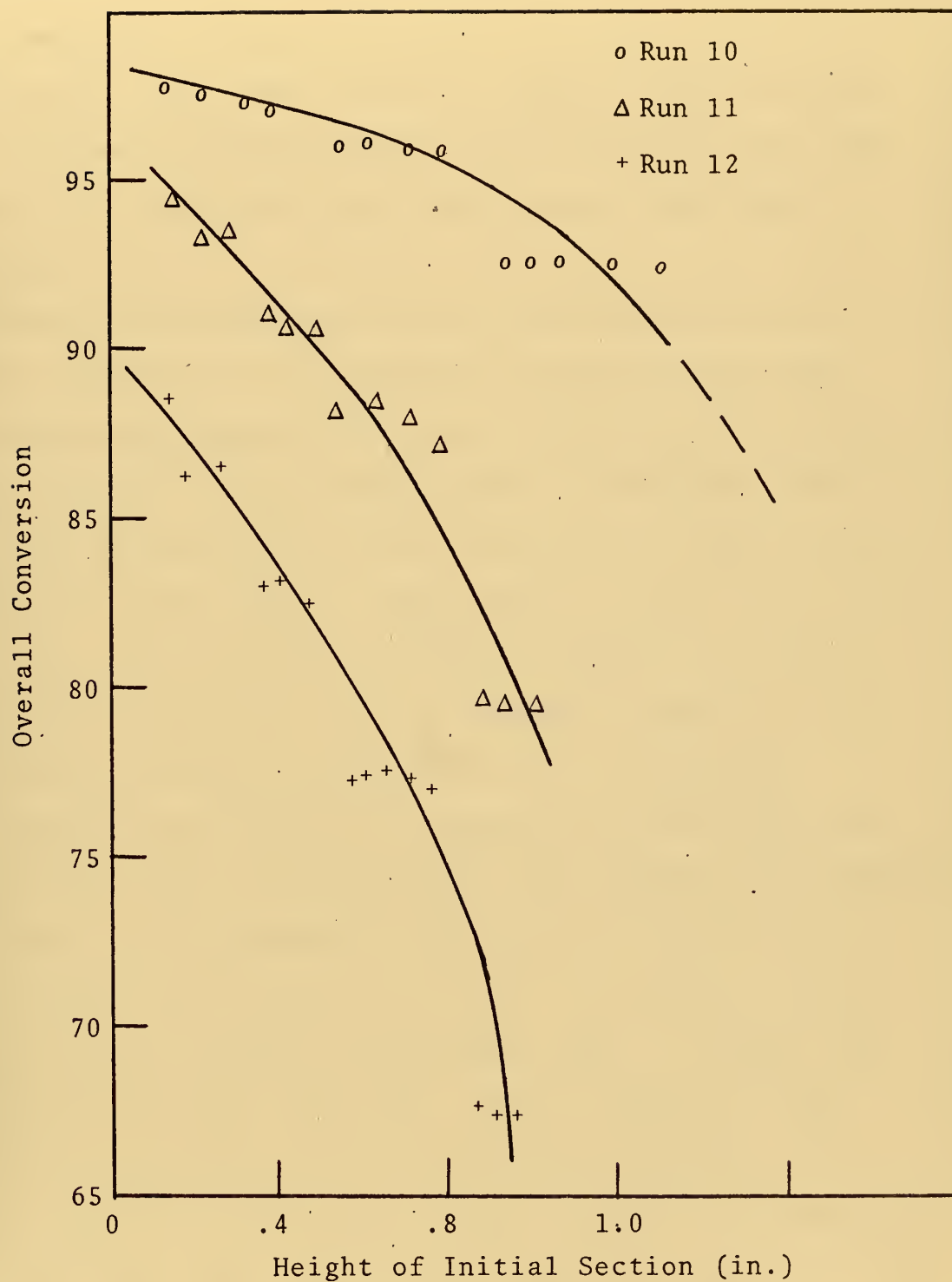
Figure 21.   Conversion Versus ΔH_1 Runs 10, 11, 12.

flow conditions, bubbles of equal size would form at the distributor. The trend, however, suggests that different size bubbles are being formed at the distributor and that their size is dependent upon the reaction conditions in the bed.

Recent investigation [37] into the mechanics of the bubble formation at distributors in fluidized beds have shown that very small bubbles are initially formed, which because of their large inertia swirl in turbulent jets just above the distributor surface. These small bubbles rapidly coalesce and form large, stable bubbles at the tips of the gas jets. If this model of bubble formation is correct, a dependence between the size of the bubbles formed at the jets and the reaction conditions is not surprising.

Consider the effects of increasing the feed flow rate to the bed. This action increases the tendency for reaction and thus the disappearance of gas from the bubble phase. As a result, two effects will occur: 1) smaller, stable bubbles will be formed by coalesence and, 2) sharper gas concentration drops will occur. These trends are both present in the data plotted in Figures 20 and 21; a fact which supports the speculative logic used in the analysis. The conclusion that can be drawn from these results is that the uncertainty in the existing mechanism of bubble formation could possibly be the controlling factor in the development of a successful mathematical model of fluidized bed operations.

V. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The major conclusions of this investigation are:

1. The conversions predicted by the proposed model are significantly higher than the experimental values of Yagi et al [34]. The average percent error of the predicted conversions was 8.3%.

2. The results are not dependent on the method used for calculating the section heights. Conversions obtained from the model when the section heights were based on the cloud diameter were essentially identical to the conversions predicted by the model when the section heights were based on the bubble diameter alone.

3. The assumption that the bed solids have a uniform residence time equal to $\bar{t}$, which ignores a solid residence time distribution, contributes to the calculation of conversions which are higher than experimental values. Calculations using the residence time distribution concept and the average gas concentration predicted by the model show a significant improvement in the overall results. For these calculations, the average percentage error was reduced to 5.08%. Modification of the model material balances to include the residence time distribution concept is recommended.

4. Investigation into the effects of having to assume the height of the initial reactor section indicate that the

overall conversion results are dependent upon the assumed value (ΔH_1). Large changes in the solid and gas concentrations in the initial section support this conclusion. The sensitivity of the predicted conversions to the value of ΔH_1 was found to be a function of the kinetic rate constant and the feed rate of solid reactant. The trends indicate that the sensitivity increases for decreasing rate constants and for increasing feed flow rates.

The model proposed in this investigation represents the first step in the development of a mathematical model for use in the design and study of fluidized bed reactors for the combustion of solid wastes. Modification to include the concept of a solid residence time distribution is required. Furthermore, complete understanding of the mechanism of bubble formation at the surface of the distributor in a fluidized bed is essential in light of the observed dependence between the overall conversion and the initial section height. For use in the study of combustion type reactions, modification for handling the kinetics of shrinking particles must also be made. In this regard, the concepts proposed by Kunii and coworkers [15,38] are recommended.

APPENDIX A

TERMINAL VELOCITY CALCULATION

The terminal velocity of the bed particles was calculated using the equations derived by Leva [39].

$$U_T = \frac{(\rho p - \rho_g) g D_p^2}{18 \mu'} \qquad Re < 2.0 \qquad (56)$$

$$U_T = \frac{0.152 D p^{1.14} g^{.714} (\rho p - \rho_g)^{.714}}{\mu'^{.428} \rho_g^{.285}} \qquad 20 < Re < 500 \qquad (57)$$

$$U_T = \left[\frac{3 g D p (\rho p - \rho_g)}{\rho_g} \right]^{.5} \qquad Re > 500 \qquad (58)$$

APPENDIX B

CHARACTERISTICS AT MINIMUM FLUIDIZATION

The bed voidage at minimum fluidization was calculated from the data of Agarwal and Storrow [41]. The εMF was found by these investigators to be a function of the particle diameter and the bed material. Their data for soft brick particles is shown in Figure 22. This data was fitted to three straight lines. The correlation coefficients of $\pm$ 99%. The equations are

$$Dp \leq 0.003$$

$$\varepsilon MF = -38.0Dp + 0.613 \tag{59}$$

$$0.003 < Dp \leq 0.006$$

$$\varepsilon MF = 015.8\ Dp + 0.542 \tag{60}$$

$$Dp \geq 0.006$$

$$MF = -4.18\ Dp + 0.474 \tag{61}$$

The minimum fluidization velocity was calculated from an equation given by Kunii and Levenspiel [15]. For small particles this equation is

$$UMF = \frac{Dp^2(\rho p - \rho_s)g}{1650\mu'} \tag{62}$$

The gas viscosity and density required for this calculation were calculated at the bed temperature and atmospheric pressure from the equations

$$\rho g = \frac{PM}{RT'} \quad \text{IDEAL GAS LAW} \tag{63}$$

Figure 22. EMF Data.

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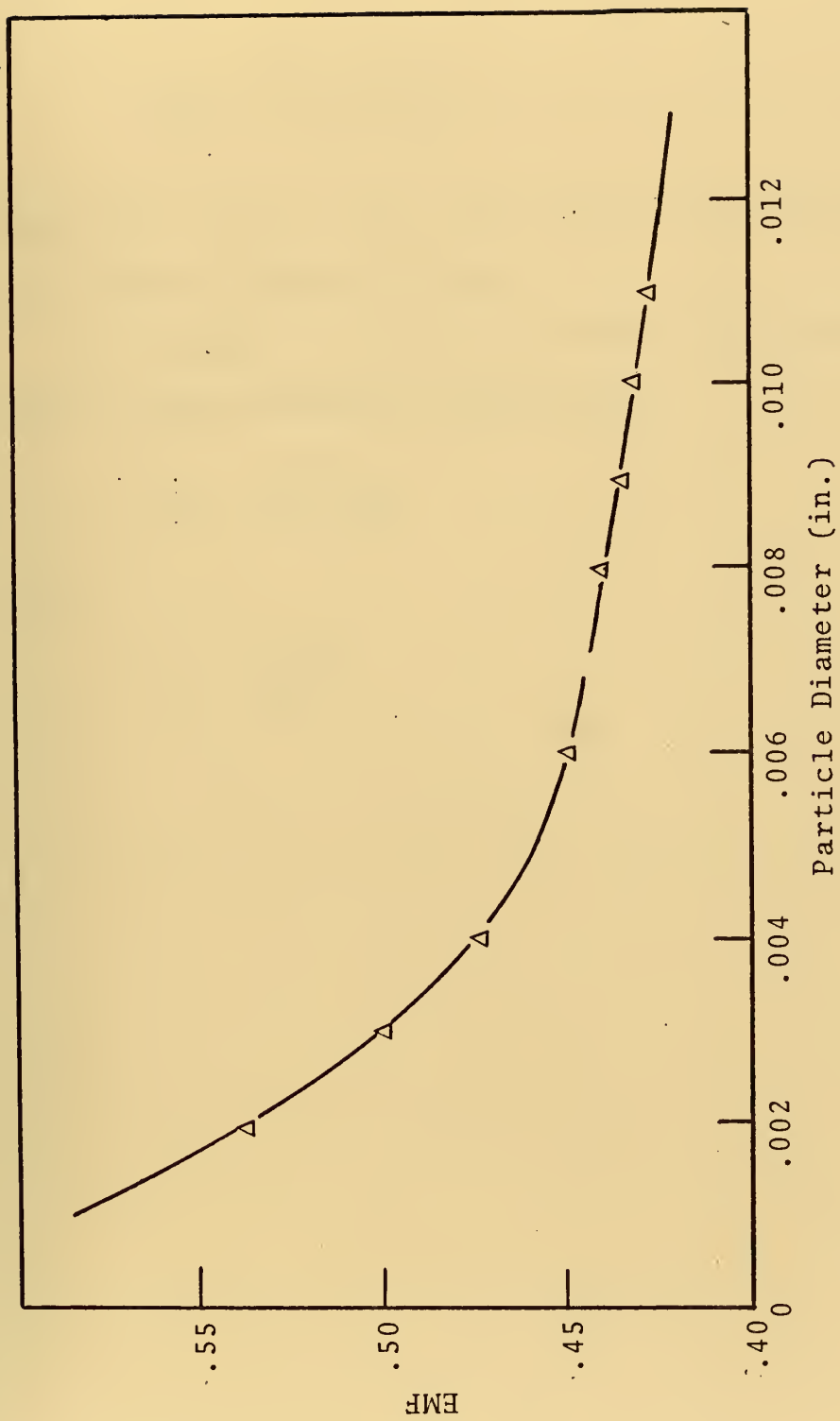
$$\mu i_1 = \mu i_2 \left(\frac{T_2'}{T_1'}\right)^{3/2} \frac{T_1' + 1.47\ T_B}{T_2' + 1.47\ T_B} \qquad (64)$$

$$\mu_{mix} = \frac{\Sigma y_i \mu_i (M_i)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\Sigma\ y_i (M_i)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \qquad (65)$$

Equations (64) and (65) were obtained from Perry's Handbook for Chemical Engineers [41].

The height of the bed at minimum fluidization was cal-culated from the EMF by the equation

$$HMF = \frac{12\ H_o}{1.0 - \varepsilon MF} \qquad (66)$$

where

$$H_o = \frac{144\ W_t}{\rho_p S_t} \qquad (67)$$
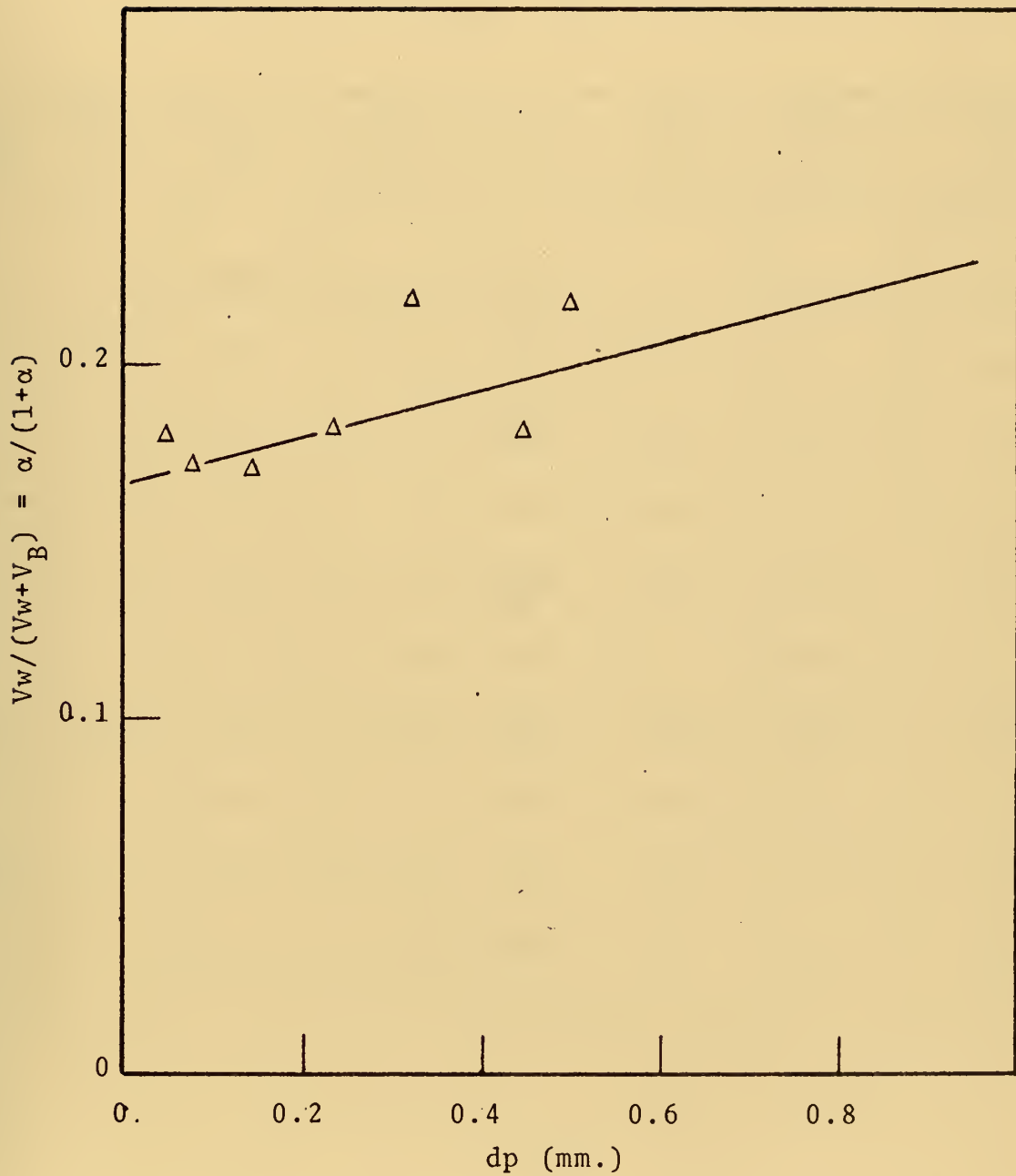
Figure 23. Plot of Data for Determination
of the Wake Volume.

TABLE VIII

INPUT DATA

Run No.	Dp $\times 10^{-3}$ in.	Temp. °F	W_f $\times 10^{-5}$ lb/sec	U ft/sec	kc $\times 10^{-2}$ ft/sec	CG_o $\times 10^{-4}$ mole/ft^3	CS_o mole/ft^3
1	4.33	1652.	6.65	.6562	6.56	1.361	2.22
2	4.33	1652.	9.941	.6562	6.56	1.361	2.22
3	3.50	1292.	3.674	.6365	.328	1.648	3.577
4	3.50	1382.	7.458	.6365	.984	1.561	3.577
6	3.50	1382.	11.023	.6365	.984	1.561	3.577
7	3.50	1472.	7.349	.6365	1.97	1.486	3.577
10	3.50	1292.	7.349	.6365	.3281	1.648	3.577
11	3.50	1292.	11.023	.6365	.3281	1.648	3.577
12	3.50	1292.	14.680	.6365	.3281	1.648	3.577
13	3.50	1382.	3.895	.6693	.984	1.561	3.577

APPENDIX E

MODIFIED SECTION HEIGHT CALCULATION

The cloud diameter surrounding a bubble of size DB can be calculated from the relation proposed by Davidson [29]

$$DC = DB \left[\frac{U_{BR} + 2\ UMF/\epsilon MF}{U_{BR} - UMF/\epsilon MF} \right]^{1/3} \tag{68}$$

In order to define a section height (ΔH) on the basis of the cloud diameter, an averaging procedure similar to that employed previously was used. Using this procedure, the average section bubble diameter was defined as

$$DB_N = \frac{XM \sum\limits_{1}^{N} H + Do}{1 - XM/2} \tag{69}$$

On this basis, the section height based on the cloud diameter can be written as

$$\Delta H_N = DB_N \left[\frac{U_{BR} + 2\ UMF/\epsilon MF}{U_{BR} - UMF/\epsilon MF} \right]^{1/3} \tag{70}$$

When this formulation is used, the number of bubbles in each section becomes

$$N = \frac{6\ S_T\ (H-HMF)\ \Delta H_N}{\pi H\ DB_N} \tag{71}$$

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              COMPUTER PROGRAM


         MAJOR COMPUTER VARIABLES

   NOTE VARIABLE NAMES NOT LISTED BELOW
   ARE MINOR VARIABLES WHICH RESULT WHEN
   THE MAJOR VARIABLES ARE COMBINED FOR
   SIMPLIFICATION PURPOSES.

   UNITS ARE AS GIVEN IN THE TABLE OF SYMBOLS
   UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

ALPHA     WAKE VOLUME/BUBBLE VOLUME
AREA      REACTOR CROSS SECTIONAL AREA FT2
AREAB     BUBBLE PHASE AREA
AREAI     REACTOR CROSS SECTIONAL AREA IN2
B         STOICHIOMETRIC COEFFICIENT
CGBAR     BUBBLE PHASE GAS CONCENTRATION
CGBED     AVERAGE SECTION GAS CONCENTRATION
CGE       AVERAGE BED GAS CONCENTRATION
CGO       EMULSION GAS CONCENTRATION
CGUESS    INITIAL GAS CONCENTRATION
CNORM     INITIAL GUESS OF CGB(N)
CONBED    NORMALIZED GAS CONCENTRATION
CONS      OVERALL CONVERSION FROM BACKMIXED EQUATIONS
CONVEX    KINETIC RATE CONSTANT BASED ON SOLID VOLUME
CONVT     EXPERIMENTAL CONVERSION
CS        TOTAL BED CONVERSION
CSO       SOLID CONCENTRATION
CSR       INITIAL SOLID CONCENTRATION
CTEST     CLOUD SOLIDS DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION
D1,D2,D3, CALCULATED INITIAL GAS CONCENTRATION
DBAVG     DIFFERENCES USED IN RCORE SEARCH
DBMAX     AVERAGE BUBBLE DIAMETER
DCMAX     MAXIMUM BUBBLE DIAMETER
DELB      MAXIMUM CLOUD DIAMETER
DELG      BUBBLE DIAMETER
          INCREMENT IN THE GAS SEARCH
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DELTAH      SECTION HEIGHT
DENSI       DENSITY OF THE INERTS
DENSG       GAS DENSITY
DIA         REACTOR DIAMETER IN.
DIAI        DIAMETER OF THE BED SOLIDS(INERTS)
DIFH        RESIDUAL HEIGHT IN THE TOP SECTION
DOCGS       INITIAL BUBBLE SIZE CM.
DP          DIAMETER OF BED SOLIDS IN.
DZERO       INITIAL BUBBLE SIZE IN.
EMF         MINIMUM FLUIDIZATION VOIDAGE
ERROR       ABSOLUTE VALUE IN THE PREDICTED ERROR
ESR         EMULSION SOLIDS DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION
GEX         GAS EXCHANGE EQUALS EXCHANGE COEFFICIENT
            TIMES THE BUBBLE VOLUME
GMAX,GMIN   MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM GAS CONCENTRATION
            FOR SEARCH LOOP.

HF          BED HEIGHT
HF          TOTAL BED HEIGHT (HTOTAL)
HGRAPH      HEIGHT OF BED USED FOR GRAPHING
HINT        INITIAL SECTION HEIGHT
HMF         HEIGHT OF BED AT MINIMUM FLUIDIZATION
HNORM       NORMALIZED HEIGHT (E=0)
HZERO       MINIMUM BED HEIGHT
PCERR       PERCENT ERROR IN OVERALL CONVERSION
PERCEN      PERCENT ERROR IN THE CALCULATED INITIAL
            GAS CONCENTRATION

RADB        BUBBLE RADIUS
RADC        CLOUD RADIUS
RATEK       KINETIC RATE CONSTANT
RMAX,RMIN   MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM CORE SIZE
RZERO       INITIAL REACTANT RADIUS
TAUBED      OVERALL TIME FOR COMPLETE REACTION
TEMP        TEMPERATURE DEGREES KELVIN
TEMPK       TEMPERATURE DEGREES
TREBED      OVERALL PARTICLE RESIDENCE TIME
TRES        SECTION PARTICLE RESIDENCE TIME
U           SUPERFICIAL GAS VELOCITY AT THE BED TEMP.
UBMAX       MAXIMUM BUBBLE VELOCITY
UBR         ABSOLUTE BUBBLE RISE VELOCITY
UBREL       RELATIVE BUBBLE RISE VELOCITY
UMF         MINIMUM FLUIDIZATION VELOCITY
UMFO        MINIMUM FLUIDIZATION VELOCITY AT 20 DEGREES
UO          SUPERFICIAL GAS VELOCITY AT 20 DEGREES
UTERM       PARTICLE TERMINAL VELOCITY
UVOL        VOLUMETRIC GAS FLOW RATE
VB          BUBBLE VOLUME
VBFR        FRACTIONAL BUBBLE VOLUME IN THE TOP SECTION
VB1         VOLUME OF A SINGLE BUBBLE IN THE TOP SECTION

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C*********************************************************************** DALE0001
C     VC     CLOUD VOLUME                                               DALE0002
C     VCFR   FRACTIONAL CLOUD VOLUME IN THE TOP SECTION                 DALE0003
C     VCORE  CORE VOLUME OF A CLOUD IN THE TOP SECTION                  DALE0004
C     VC1    VOLUME OF A CLOUD IN THE TOP SECTION                       DALE0005
C                                                                       DALE0006
C     VE     EMULSION VOLUME                                            DALE0007
C     VISC   GAS VISCOSITY CENTIPOISE                                   DALE0008
C     VISCG  GAS VISCOSITY LBS./FT. SEC                                 DALE0009
C     VISN2  VISCOSITY OF NITROGEN CENTIPOISE                           DALE0010
C     VISO2  VISCOSITY OF OXYGEN CENTIPOISE                             DALE0011
C     VOID   BED VOIDAGE                                                DALE0012
C     VTFR   FRACTIONAL VOLUME IN THE LAST SECTION                      DALE0013
C     VT1    ENTITY IN THE TOP SECTION VOLUME OF A SINGLE BUBBLE CLOUD  DALE0014
C                                                                       DALE0015
C     VZERO  INTIAL PARTICLE VOLUME                                     DALE0016
C     WB     BUBBLE PHASE SOLID FLOW                                    DALE0017
C     WE     EMULSION PHASE SOLID FLOW                                  DALE0018
C     WFEED  SOLID FEED RATE LBS./SEC
C     WTMOL  MOLECULAR WEIGHT OF THE SOLID
C     WTMOLG MOLECULAR WEIGHT OF THE GAS
C     XF     CROSS FLOW COEFFICIENT
C     XLBS   WEIGHT OF SOLIDS IN THE BED
C     XM     CONSTANT
C     XNB    NUMBER OF BUBBLES
C     XNO    NUMBER OF HOLES PER UNIT AREA IN THE DISTRIBUTOR
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      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z)
      DIMENSION DEL(20),CGBAR(20),HNORM(20),CNORM(20),PROD(20)
     *XNB(20),CGB(20),CGE(20),CS(20),TAU(20),GEX(20),ESR(20)
     *CSR(20),TRES(20),WE(20),WB(20)
C*************** VARIABLES **
C     READ INPUT VARIABLES
C*************** VARIABLES **
      READ(5,1) DIA,XNO
    1 FORMAT(F10.2,F10.3)
      READ(5,2) XLBS,DIAI,DENSI,DENSR,RZERO
    2 FORMAT(F10.2,2F10.7,2F10.2,F10.7)
      READ(5,3) TEMP,B,RATEK,WTMOL
    3 FORMAT(4F10.5)
      READ(5,4) WFEED,CSO,UO,CGO
    4 FORMAT(4F20.8)
      READ(5,5) ALPHA,HINT,CONVEX
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5     FORMAT(3F10.5)
6     READ(5,6) U,CGUESS,DELG
      FORMAT(3E20.5)
      WTMOLG=29.00
      WE(1)=0.0
      HNORM(1)=0.0
      CNORM(1)=1.0
C*******************************************
C     CALCULATION OF GAS PROPERTIES        *
C*******************************************
      TEMPK=293.0
      VISO2=(0.3189*(TEMPK/273.0)**1.5)*(405.3/(TEMPK+132.3))
      VISN2=(0.01707*(TEMPK/283.9)**1.5)*(398.56/(TEMPK+114.66))
      VISCG=(1.19*VISO2+4.18*VISN2)/5.37
      VISCO=0.000572*VISCG
      TEMPK=(TEMP+460.0)/1.8
      VISO2=(0.3189*(TEMPK/273.0)**1.5)*(405.3/(TEMPK+132.3))
      VISN2=(0.01707*(TEMPK/283.9)**1.5)*(398.56/(TEMPK+114.66))
      VISCG=(1.19*VISO2+4.18*VISN2)/5.37
      VISC=0.000672*VISCG
      DENSG=39.72/(TEMP+460.0)
      DP=DIAI/12.0
C*******************************************************************
C     CALCULATION OF BED CHARACTERISTICS AT MINIMUM FLUIDIZATION **
C*******************************************************************
      IF(DIAI.GE.0.006) GO TO 8
      IF(DIAI.LT.0.003) GO TO 7
      EMF=-15.8*DIAI+0.542
      GO TO 9
7     EMF=-38.0*DIAI+0.613
      GO TO 9
8     EMF=-4.1786*DIAI+0.474
9     UMF=(32.2*DP**2*DENSI)/(1650.0*VISC)
      UMFO=(32.2*DP**2*DENSI)/(1650.0*VISCO)
      AREA=3.14*DIA**2/576.0
      HZERO=XLBS/(DENSI*AREA)
      HMF=HZERO/(1.0-EMF)
C*******************************************
C     DATA OUTPUT FORMAT                   *
C*******************************************
10    WRITE(6,10)
      FORMAT('1',T63,'RUN NUMBER')
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20    WRITE(6,20)
      FORMAT('0',T60,'INPUT PARAMETERS')                                 DALE0067
30    WRITE(6,30)                                                        DALE0068
      FORMAT(' ',T52,'EQUIPMENT PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS')               DALE0069
40    WRITE(6,40) DIA,XNO                                                DALE0070
      FORMAT(' ',T58,'REACTOR DIAMETER= ',F6.2,T83,'IN.',/,T58,'DISTRIBU DALE0071
     *TOR HOLES PER SQ. FT.=',F6.3)                                      DALE0072
50    WRITE(6,50)                                                        DALE0073
      FORMAT(' ',T52,'BED CHARACTERISTICS')                             DALE0074
60    WRITE(6,60) XLBS,DIA,DENSI,DENSR,RZERO                             DALE0075
      FORMAT(' ',T52,'WT. OF INERTS=',F7.2,T82,'LBS.',/,T58,'DIA. OF IN  DALE0076
     *ERTS=',F7.6,T82,'IN.',T58,'DENSITY OF INERTS=',F7.3,T85,'LBS./     DALE0077
     **CUBIC FT.',/,T58,'DENSITY OF REACTANT=',F7.3,T87,'LBS./CUBIC FT.' DALE0078
     **,/,T53,'RADIUS OF REACTANT=',F8.5,T87,'IN.')                      DALE0079
70    WRITE(6,70)                                                        DALE0080
      FORMAT(' ',T52,'OPERATIONAL PARAMETERS')                           DALE0081
80    WRITE(6,80) TEMP,U                                                 DALE0082
      FORMAT(' ',T58,'TEMPERATURE= ',F6.1,T78,'F',/,T58,'SUPERFICIAL VEL DALE0083
     *OCITY=',F8.6,T88,'FT./SEC')                                        DALE0084
81    WRITE(6,81) WFEED                                                  DALE0085
      FORMAT(' ',T58,'SOLIDS FEED RATE= ',G10.5,T86,'LB./SEC')           DALE0086
82    WRITE(6,82) CGO,CSO                                                DALE0087
      FORMAT(' ',T53,'GAS CONCENTRATION=',G10.5,T87,'LB MOLES/CUBIC      DALE0088
     *FT.',/,T53,'SOLID CONCENTRATION= ',F10.5,T89,'LB MOLES/CUBIC FT.') DALE0089
C     ************************************************************        DALE0090
C     TERMINAL VELOCITY AND MAXIMUM BUBBLE SIZE CALCULATION              DALE0091
C     ************************************************************        DALE0092
      TEST=DP*(32.2*DENSG*(DENSI-DENSG)/VISC**2)**0.333                  DALE0093
      IF(TEST.LE.3.3) GO TO 84                                           DALE0094
      IF(TEST.GE.43.6) GO TO 83                                          DALE0095
      UTERM=0.153*32.2**0.71*DP**1.14*(DENSI-DENSG)**0.71/(DENSG**0.29   DALE0096
     **VISC**0.43)                                                       DALE0097
      GO TO 85                                                           DALE0098
83    AUG=32.2*DP*(DENSI-DENSG)/DENSG                                    DALE0099
      UTERM=1.74*DSQRT(AUG)                                              DALE0100
      GO TO 85                                                           DALE0101
84    UTERM=32.2*DP**2*(DENSI-DENSG)/(18.0*VISC)                         DALE0102
85    IF(U.GE.UTERM) GO TO 948                                           DALE0103
      DBMAX=0.373*(UTERM/0.711)**2                                       DALE0104
      UBMAX=0.711*DSQRT(32.2*DBMAX/12.0)                                 DALE0105
      FACTOR=(UBMAX+2.0*UMF/EMF)/(UBMAX-UMF/EMF))**                      DALE0106
     *(1.0/3.0)                                                          DALE0107
      DCMAX=DBMAX*FACTOR                                                 DALE0108
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C*********************************
C     MISCELLANEOUS CALCULATIONS   *
C*********************************
C
      DIAR=2.0*RZERO/12.0
      XM=0.684*DENSI*DP*(UO/UMFO)
      IF(XM.GE.2.0) GO TO 940
      IF(XNO.EQ.0.000) GO TO 90
      XNOCGS=XNO/929.03
      DOCGS=(58.3*(U-UMF)/XNOCGS)**0.4)/(980.0)**0.2
      DZERO=DOCGS/2.54
      GO TO 200
   90 CONTINUE
      DZERO=(2.0-XM)*HINT/2.0
  200 DBAVG=6.0*XM*HMF+DZERO
      IF(DBAVG.LE.DBMAX) GO TO 210
      DBAVG=DBMAX
  210 HF=HMF*((U-UMF)/(0.711*(32.2*DBAVG/12.0)**0.5))+HMF
      HTOTAL=12.0*HF
C*********************************
C     DATA OUTPUT FORMAT          *
C*********************************
C
      WRITE(6,222)
  222 FORMAT(1,T59,'INTERNAL PARAMETERS')
      WRITE(6,224) VISCG,DENSG,EMF
  224 FORMAT(T56,'VISCG= ',G15.6,T80,'CP',/,T56,'DENSG= ',G15.6,
     *'LBS./CUBIC FT.',/,T56,'EMF= ',G15.6)
      WRITE(6,226) UMF,HZERO,HMF
  226 FORMAT(' ',T56,'UMF= ',G15.6,T80,'FT./SEC',/,T56,'HZERO= ',G15.6,T
     *80,'FT.',/,T56,'HMF= ',G15.6,T80,'FT.')
      WRITE(6,227) HF
  227 FORMAT(' ',T56,'HF= ',G15.6,T80,'FT.')
      WRITE(6,228) UTERM,DEMAX,DZERO
  228 FORMAT(' ',T56,'UTERM= ',G15.6,T80,'FT./SEC',/,T56,'DBMAX= ',G15.6
     *,T80,'IN.',/,T56,'DZERO= ',G15.6,T80,'IN.')
      WRITE(6,229) HINT
  229 FORMAT(' ',T56,'HINT= ',G15.6,T80,'IN')
      WRITE(6,230) XM,DBAVG,RATEK
  230 FORMAT(' ',T56,'XM= ',G15.6,/,T56,'DBAVG= ',G15.6,T80,'IN.',/,T56,
     *'RATEK= ',G15.6,T80,'FT./SEC')
      WRITE(6,232)
  232 FORMAT(' ',T3,'SECT.',T14,'SECT. HT.',T32,'HEIGHT',T47,'HT-GRAPH')
      WRITE(6,234)
  234 FORMAT(' ',T4,'NO.',T18,'IN.',T33,'IN.',T51,'IN.')
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C***********************************
C******* SECTION CALCULATIONS      *
C***********************************
C
      H=0.0
      K=0
      I=1
      INDEX=1
      SUM=0.0
      IFLAG=1
      DO 900 N=1,50
      IF(N.EQ.1) GO TO 240
      DO 238 LOOP=1,IFLAG
      SUM=SUM+DEL(IFLAG)
  238 CONTINUE
      DELB=(XM*SUM+DZERO)/(1.0-XM/2.0)
      UBREL=0.711*DSQRT(32.2*DELB/12.0)
      FACTOR=((UBREL+2.0*UMF/EMF)/(UBREL-UMF/EMF))**
     *(1.0/3.0)
      DELTAH=DELB*FACTOR
      DEL(N)=DELTAH
      IFLAG=IFLAG+1
      SUM=0.0
      GO TO 241
  240 DELB=HINT
      UBREL=0.711*DSQRT(32.2*DELB/12.0)
      FACTOR=((UBREL+2.0*UMF/EMF)/(UBREL-UMF/EMF))**
     *(1.0/3.0)
      DELTAH=DELB*FACTOR
      DEL(N)=DELTAH
  241 IF(DELTAH.LT.DCMAX) GO TO 250
      DELTAH=DCMAX
      K=K+1
  250 DELH=DELTAH
      HGRAPH=H+DELTAH/2.0
      HNORM(N+1)=HGRAPH/HTOTAL
      H=H+DELH
      ZH=2.54*H
      FUNX=62.40*DELTAH*UMF/(DENSI*DIAI*U)
      XH=HGRAPH/12.0
      R=HMF*(1.0-EMF)/HF
      VOID=1.0-R
  500 AREAI=144.0*AREA
      XNB(I)=(6.0*AREAI*DELTAH/(3.14*DELB**3))
     **(VOID-EMF)/(1.0-EMF)
      IF(K.LE.1) GO TO 520
  510 XNB(I)=XNB(I-1)
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520   IF(UBREL.LE.UMF/EMF) GO TO 945
      UBR=U-UMF+UBREL
550   VB=3.14*XNB(I)*DELB**3/6.0
      VC=VB*(3.0*UMF/(EMF*UBREL-UMF))
      VE=AREAI*DELTAH-VB-VC
      XF=4.331/DELB
      AREAB=0.785*XNB(I)*DELB**2/144.0
      GEX(N)= -XF*VB/1728.0
      EESR(N)=VE*(1.0-EMF)/1728.0
      CSR(N)=(VC+ALPHA*VB)*(DENSR*AREAB+ALPHA*AREAB*AREA)
      WB(N)=(WFEED*AREAB*UBR-(DENSR*AREA))*(WFEED)/(WFEED*1728.0/DENSR)
      WE(N+1)=(ALPHA*AREAB*UBR-(DENSR*AREA))*(AREA-AREAB)
      TRES(N)=(ALPHA*VB+VC+VE)*(1.0-EMF)/(WFEED*1728.0/DENSR)
     *+WE(N+1)))
      IF(H.LE.12.0*HF) GO TO 570
      HNORM(N+1)=1.0
      H1=H-DELTAH
      HTOTAL=12.0*HF
      H=HTOTAL
      HGRAPH=HTOTAL
      DIFH=12.0*HF-H1
      DELH=DIFH/XNB(I)
      VB1=VB/XNB(I)
      RADB=DELB/2.0
      VC1=VC/XNB(I)
      VT1=VC1+VB1
      RADC=DELTAH/2.0
      IF(DIFH/DELTAH.LE.0.5) GO TO 562
      VBFR=VB1-1.0472*(DELTAH-DIFH-RADC+RADB)**2*
     *(2.0*RADB-DELTAH+DIFH+RADC)
      VTFR=VT1-1.0472*(DELTAH-DIFH)**2*
     *(3.0*RADC-DELTAH+DIFH)
      VCFR=VTFR-VBFR
      VC=VCFR*XNB(I)
      GO TO 563
562   VBFR=1.0472*(DIFH-RADC+RADB)**2*(2.0*RADB-DIFH+RADC)
      VTFR=1.0472*(DIFH)**2*(3.0*RADC-DIFH)
      VCFR=VTFR-VBFR
      VC=VCFR*XNB(I)
      VE=AREAI*DIFH-VC
563   R=HMF*(1.0-EMF)/HF
      VOID=1.0-R
      GEX(N)= -XF*VB/1728.0
      EESR(N)=VE*(1.0-EMF)/1728.0
      CSR(N)=(VC+ALPHA*VB)*(1.0-EMF)/1728.0
      WB(N)=0.0
      WE(N+1)=0.0
      TRES(N)=(ALPHA*VB+VC+VE)*(1.0-EMF)/(WFEED*1728.0/DENSR)
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      *+WE(N+1)))
570   WRITE(6,800) N,DELH,H,HGRAPH
800   FORMAT('0',I4,F20.4,2F16.4)
      IF(K.GT.1) GO TO 835
      WRITE(6,810) VOID,UBREL,UBR
810   FORMAT('0',T58,'UBREL= ',G15.6,T82,'FT/SEC',/
     *,T58,'UBR= ',G15.6,T82,'FT/SEC',/)
      WRITE(6,820) VB,VC,VE
820   FORMAT('0',T58,'VB= ',G15.6,T82,'CUBIC IN.',/,T58,
     *'VC= ',G15.6,T82,'CUBIC IN.',/,T58,'VE= ',G15.6,T82,
     *'CUBIC IN.')
      GO TO 850
835   WRITE(6,840) VOID
840   FORMAT('0',T58,'VOID= ',G15.6)
850   IF(H.GE.12.0*HF) GO TO 905
      I=I+1
      INDEX=INDEX+1
900   CONTINUE
905   WRITE(6,910) HTOTAL
910   FORMAT('0',T52,'TOTAL BED HEIGHT= ',F7.2,T78,'IN.')
      GO TO 950
940   WRITE(6,942)
942   FORMAT('0',T40,'MODEL LIMITS EXCEEDED-XM.GE.2.0-CHECK DIAI AND
     *GMF.')
      GO TO 9000
C*************************************************
C****  RESULTS OF MODEL LIMIT TESTS  *
C*************************************************
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945   WRITE(6,946)
946   FORMAT('0',T40,'MODEL LIMITS EXCEEDED-UBREL.LE.UMFCGS/EMF-
     *CHECK DIAI AND GMF')
      GO TO 9000
948   WRITE(6,949)
949   FORMAT('0',T40,'UTERM EXCEEDED')
      GO TO 9000
C*************************************************
C****  CONCENTRATION SEARCH LOOP  *
C*************************************************
C
950   CGB(N)=CGUESS
      UVOL=U*AREA
      VZERO=0.523599*DIAR**3
      ICOUNT=1
      JCOUNT=1
      KCOUNT=1
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      LCOUNT=1
      MCOUNT=1
      DO 6000 NCOUNT=1,20
      IF(ICOUNT.EQ.1) GO TO 990
      IF(ICOUNT.EQ.2) GO TO 980
      IF(KCOUNT.EQ.1) GO TO 975
      GMAX=CGB(N)
      CGB(N)=GMIN+0.62*(GMAX-GMIN)
      GO TO 995
975   GMAX=CGB(N)
      LCOUNT=LCOUNT+1
      IF(LCOUNT.EQ.2) GO TO 978
      CGB(N)=GMIN+0.62*(GMAX-GMIN)
      GO TO 995
978   GMIN=CGB(N)-DELG
      CGB(N)=GMIN+0.62*(GMAX-GMIN)
      GO TO 995
980   GMIN=CGB(N)
      IF(JCOUNT.EQ.1) GO TO 985
      CGB(N)=GMIN+0.62*(GMAX-GMIN)
      GO TO 995
985   CGB(N)=CGB(N)+DELG
      GO TO 995
990   GMIN=CGB(N)
995   RMAX=RZERO/12.0
      RMIN=0.0000
1000  IF(NCOUNT.EQ.1) GO TO 1055
1350  WRITE(6,1050) NCOUNT
      FORMAT('0',T59,'TRIAL NUMBER= ',I3)
      GO TO 1059
1055  WRITE(6,1056) NCOUNT
1056  FORMAT('1',T59,'TRIAL NUMBER= ',I3)
1059  CGBN=CGB(N)
1060  WRITE(6,1060) CGBN
      FORMAT('0',T66,'CGB(N)= ',G15.8)
      IF(LABEL.EQ.1) GO TO 1080
1061  WRITE(6,1061)
      FORMAT('0',T30,'RESULTS OF TRIAL AND ERROR SEARCH'
     *      FOR RCURE IN TOP SECTION.')
1065  WRITE(6,1070)
1070  FORMAT('0',T5,'JOB',T11,'RTEST',T25,'CONSTANT',T42,
     *'RHO')
1080  CONTINUE
      L=N
      DO 5000 J=1,N
      ITEST=0
      JOB=1
      IPRINT=1
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      IF(J.NE.1) GO TO 4000                                         DALE0351
C                                                                   DALE0352
C*********************************                                  DALE0353
C     RCORE SEARCH LOOP          *                                  DALE0354
C*********************************                                  DALE0355
C                                                                   DALE0356
      RTEST=RMIN                                                    DALE0357
      GO TO 3000                                                    DALE0358
1100  RTEST=RMAX                                                    DALE0359
      GO TO 3000                                                    DALE0360
1150  IF(ITEST.EQ.0) GO TO 1500                                     DALE0361
      D3=TEST1-TEST2                                                DALE0362
      IF(D1.GT.0.00) GO TO 1200                                     DALE0363
      TRIAL=D2+D3                                                   DALE0364
      IF(TRIAL.GT.D2) GO TO 1400                                    DALE0365
      GO TO 1300                                                    DALE0366
1200  TRIAL=D1+D3                                                   DALE0367
      IF(TRIAL.GT.D1) GO TO 1300                                    DALE0368
      GO TO 1400                                                    DALE0369
1300  RMIN=RTEST                                                    DALE0370
      D1=D3                                                         DALE0371
      GO TO 2000                                                    DALE0372
1400  RMAX=RTEST                                                    DALE0373
      D2=D3                                                         DALE0374
      GO TO 2000                                                    DALE0375
1500  IF(RTEST.EQ.RMIN) GO TO 1600                                  DALE0376
      D2=TEST1-TEST2                                                DALE0377
      ITEST=1                                                       DALE0378
      IF(D2.LT.0.0) GO TO 1550                                      DALE0379
      IF(D1.GT.0.0) GO TO 5800                                      DALE0380
      GO TO 2000                                                    DALE0381
1550  IF(D1.LT.0.0) GO TO 5800                                      DALE0382
      GO TO 2000                                                    DALE0383
1600  D1=TEST1-TEST2                                                DALE0384
      GO TO 1100                                                    DALE0385
2000  RTEST=RMIN+0.62*(RMAX-RMIN)                                   DALE0386
C                                                                   DALE0387
C*********************************                                  DALE0388
C     TOP SECTION MATERIAL BALANCES   *                             DALE0389
C*********************************                                  DALE0390
C                                                                   DALE0391
3000  CONS=24.0*RTEST**2*RATEK/DIAR**3                              DALE0392
      RCORE(L)=RTEST                                                DALE0393
      CGE(L)=GEX(L)*CGB(L)/(GEX(L)+ESR(L)*CONS)                     DALE0394
      TSR=ESR(L)+CSR(L)                                             DALE0395
      CGBAR(L)=(CSR(L)*CGB(L)+ESR(L)*CGE(L))/TSR                    DALE0396
      CNORM(L+1)=CGBAR(L)/CGO                                       DALE0397
      PROD(L)=TRES(L)*CGBAR(L)                                      DALE0398
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      FLOW=UVOL*CGB(L)                                                   DALE0399
      XFLOW=GEX(L)*(CGE(L)-CGB(L))                                       DALE0400
      REACT=(CSR(L)*CONS*CGB(L)                                          DALE0401
      CGB(L-1)=(FLOW-XFLOW+REACT)/UVOL                                   DALE0402
      VCORE=4.18879*RTEST**3                                            DALE0403
      CS(L)=VCORE*CSO/VZERO                                              DALE0404
      COEF1=(UVOL*B)*(CGO-CGB(L-1))                                      DALE0405
      COEF2=WFEED*CSO/DENSR                                              DALE0406
      COEF3=WE(L)*CS(L)                                                  DALE0407
      CS(L-1)=(COEF2+COEF3-COEF1)/WB(L-1)                               DALE0408
      TEST1=WB(L-1)*(CGB(L-1)-CGB(L))                                    DALE0409
      TEST2=WB(L-1)-WE(L)*CS(L)-WFEED*CS(L)/DENSR                        DALE0410
      BETA=TEST1-TEST2                                                   DALE0411
      RHO=DABS(BETA)                                                     DALE0412
      WRITE(6,3500) JOB,RTEST,CONS,RHO                                   DALE0413
 3500 FORMAT('0',I5,3G15.5)                                             DALE0414
      WRITE(6,3600) TEST1,TEST2                                          DALE0415
 3600 FORMAT('0',T6,'TEST1= ',G20.6,T40,'TEST2= ',G20.6)               DALE0416
      IF(TEST1.EQ.0.0)GO TO 3900                                        DALE0417
      VALUE1=DABS(TEST1)                                                 DALE0418
      VALUE2=DABS(TEST2)                                                 DALE0419
      IF(VALUE1.GT.VALUE2) GO TO 3800                                   DALE0420
      IF(RHO/VALUE1.LE.1.0E-4) GO TO 4900                               DALE0421
      GO TO 3900                                                        DALE0422
 3800 IF(RHO/VALUE2.LE.1.0E-4) GO TO 4900                               DALE0423
 3900 JOB=JOB+1                                                         DALE0424
      GO TO 1150                                                        DALE0425
 4000 IF(J.EQ.N) GO TO 4500                                             DALE0426
C *************************************************                     DALE0427
C ******** MIDDLE SECTION MATERIAL BALANCES ******                     DALE0428
C *************************************************                     DALE0429
C                                                                       DALE0430
      VCORE=CS(L)*VZERO/CSO                                             DALE0431
      RTEST=(VCORE/4.18879)**(1.0/3.0)                                  DALE0432
      CONS=24.0*RTEST**2*RATEK/DIAR**3                                  DALE0433
      CGE(L)=GEX(L)/(GEX(L)+ESR(L)*CONS)                               DALE0434
      TSR=ESR(L)+CSR(L)                                                DALE0435
      CGBAR(L)=(CSR(L)*CGB(L)+ESR(L)*CGE(L))/TSR                        DALE0436
      CNORM(L+1)=CGBAR(L)/CGO                                          DALE0437
      PROD(L)=TRES(L)*CGBAR(L)                                         DALE0438
      FLOW=UVOL*CGB(L)                                                  DALE0439
      XFLOW=GEX(L)*(CGE(L)-CGB(L))                                      DALE0440
      REACT=(CSR(L)*CONS*CGB(L))                                        DALE0441
      CGB(L-1)=(FLOW-XFLOW+REACT)/UVOL                                  DALE0442
      FACT1=(UVOL*B)*(CGO-CGB(L-1))                                     DALE0443
      FACT2=WFEED*CSO/DENSR+WE(L)*CS(L)                                 DALE0444
      CS(L-1)=(FACT2-FACT1)/WB(L-1)                                     DALE0445
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      GO TO 4900
C*****************************************
C*****************************************  *
C***** FEED SECTION MATERIAL BALANCES    *
C*****************************************  *
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 4500 VCORE=CS(L)*VZERO/CSO
      RTEST=(VCORE/4.18879)**(1.0/3.0)
      CONS=24.*RTEST**2*RATEK/DIAR**3
 4550 CGE(L)=GEX(L)+CSR(L)/(GEX(L)+ESR(L)*CONS)
      TSR=ESR(L)+CSR(L)
      CGBAR(L)=(CSR(L)*CGB(L)+ESR(L)*CGE(L))/TSR
      CNORM(L+1)=CGBAR(L)/CGO
      PROD(L)=TRES(L)*CGBAR(L)
      FLOW=UVOL*CGB(L)
      XFLOW=GEX(L)*(CGE(L)-CGB(L))
      REACT=CSR(L)*(CONS*CGB(L))
      CTEST=(FLOW-XFLOW+REACT)/UVOL
      CRIT=DABS(CTEST-CGO)
      PERCEN=100.0*CRIT/CGO
      IF(IPRINT.NE.1) GO TO 4690
      WRITE(6,4600)
 4600 FORMAT('0',T42,'RESULTS OF CALCULATION ON FEED'
     *    SECTION')
      WRITE(6,4650)
 4650 FORMAT('0',T4,'JOB',T9,'CONSTANT',T19,'PERCENT'
     *   DIFFERENCE',T46,'CTEST')
      WRITE(6,4700) JOB,CONS,PERCEN,CTEST
 4690 FORMAT(I5,3G15.5)
 4700 IF(PERCEN.LE.2.5E-1) GO TO 7000
      IF(CTEST-CGO.LT.0.0) GO TO 5820
      IF(NCOUNT.EQ.1) GO TO 4800
      ICOUNT=3
      JCOUNT=JCOUNT+1
      MCOUNT=2
      GO TO 6000
 4800 CGB(N)=CGB(N)/2.0
      ICOUNT=1
      JCOUNT=1
      KCOUNT=1
      LCOUNT=1
      MCOUNT=1
      GO TO 6000
 4900 L=L-1
 5000 CONTINUE
      GO TO 5900
 5800 WRITE(6,5810)
 5810 FORMAT('0',T50,'RTEST EXCEEDS SEARCH MAXIMUM')
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5820  IF(MCOUNT.EQ.1) GO TO 5900                                        DALE0495
      ICOUNT=2                                                           DALE0496
      KCOUNT=KCOUNT+1                                                    DALE0497
      MCOUNT=2                                                           DALE0498
      GO TO 6000                                                         DALE0499
5900  CGB(N)=CGB(N)+DELG                                                 DALE0500
      ICOUNT=1                                                           DALE0501
      JCOUNT=1                                                           DALE0502
      KCOUNT=1                                                           DALE0503
      MCOUNT=1                                                           DALE0504
6000  CONTINUE                                                          DALE0505
C**************************************************                      DALE0506
C**************    DATA OUTPUT FORMAT   ************                     DALE0507
C**************************************************                      DALE0508
C**************************************************                      DALE0509
7000  WRITE(6,7050)(L,TRES(L),L=1,N)                                    DALE0510
7050  FORMAT('1',T48,'SECTION RESIDENCE TIMES '/('0',6(I4,G1            DALE0511
     *6.5)))                                                            DALE0512
7200  WRITE(6,7200)(J,CGB(J),J=1,N)                                     DALE0513
7200  FORMAT('0',T42,'SECTION BUBBLE PHASE GAS CONCENTRATION            DALE0514
     */('0',6(I4,G16.5)))                                               DALE0515
7250  WRITE(6,7250)(J,CGE(J),J=1,N)                                     DALE0516
7250  FORMAT('0',T40,'SECTION EMULSION PHASE GAS'                       DALE0517
     * CONCENTRATION'/('0',6(I4,G16.5)))                                DALE0518
7300  WRITE(6,7300)(J,CS(J),J=1,N)                                      DALE0519
7300  FORMAT('0',T47,'SECTION SOLID CONCENTRATION'/('0',6(I4            DALE0520
     *,G16.5)))                                                         DALE0521
7400  WRITE(6,7400)(J,WB(J),J=1,N)                                      DALE0522
7400  FORMAT('0',T50,'BUBBLE PHASE SOLIDS FLOW'/('0',6(I4,              DALE0523
     *G16.5)))                                                          DALE0524
7450  WRITE(6,7450)(J,WE(J),J=1,N)                                      DALE0525
7450  FORMAT('0',T49,'EMULSION PHASE SOLIDS FLOW'/('0',                 DALE0526
     *6(I4,G16.5)))                                                     DALE0527
7500  WRITE(6,7500)(J,GEX(J),J=1,N)                                     DALE0528
7500  FORMAT('0',T50,'GAS EXCHANGE COEFFICIENT'/('0',6(I4,              DALE0529
     *G16.5)))                                                          DALE0530
7550  WRITE(6,7550)(J,ESR(J),J=1,N)                                     DALE0531
7550  FORMAT('0',T50,'EMULSION SOLIDS RATIO'/('0',6(I4,G16              DALE0532
     *.5)))                                                             DALE0533
7600  WRITE(6,7600)(J,CSR(J),J=1,N)                                     DALE0534
7600  FORMAT('0',T50,'CLOUD SOLIDS RATIO'/('0',6(I4,G16.5)))            CALE0535
7650  WRITE(6,7650)(J,XNB(J),J=1,N)                                     DALE0536
7650  FORMAT('0',T45,'NUMBER OF BUBBLES'/('0',6(I4,G16.5)))             DALE0537
7700  WRITE(6,7700)(J,RCORE(J),J=1,N)                                   DALE0538
7700  FORMAT('0',T45,'AVERAGE CORE RADIUS'/('0',                       DALE0539
     *6(I4,G16.5)))                                                     DALE0540
      WRITE(6,7800)(J,CGBAR(J),J=1,N)                                   DALE0541
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7800  FORMAT('0',T42,'AVERAGE GAS CONCENTRATION'/('0',
     *6(I4,G16.5)))
      NTOTAL=N+1
      WRITE(6,7850)(J,CNORM(J),J=1,NTOTAL)
7850  FORMAT('0',T42,'NORMALIZED AVERAGE GAS CONCENTRATION'
     */('0',6(I4,G16.5)))
      WRITE(6,7860)(J,HNORM(J),J=1,NTOTAL)
7860  FORMAT('0',T50,'NORMALIZED HEIGHT'/('0',6(I4,G16.5)))
C**********************************************
C     CALCULATION OF OVERALL CONVERSION FROM   *
C     BACKMIXED EQUATIONS                       *
C**********************************************
      SUMTRE=0.0
      SUMPRO=0.0
      DO 8000 L=1,N
      SUMPRO=SUMPRO+PROD(L)
      SUMTRE=SUMTRE+TRES(L)
8000  CONTINUE
      CGBED=SUMPRO/SUMTRE
      TAUBED=(DENSR*DIAR/WTMOL)/(2.0*RATEK*CGBED*B)
      TREBED=XLBS/WFEED
      RATIO=TREBED/TAUBED
      CONBED=3.0*RATIO-6.0*RATIO**2+6.0*RATIO**3*
     *(1.0-EXP(-1.0/RATIO))
      WRITE(6,8100) CGBED,TREBED,TAUBED,CONBED
8100  FORMAT('0',T50,'CGBED= ',G15.6,/,T50,'TREBED= ',G15.6,
     */,T50,'TAUBED= ',G15.6,/,T50,'CONBED= ',G15.6)
C**********************************************
C**********************************************
      CONVT=(CSO-CS(N))/CSO
      ERROR=DABS(CONVT-CONVEX)
      PCERR=ERROR*100.0/CONVT
      WRITE(6,8490)
8490  FORMAT('0',T38,'RESULTS OF SEARCH ON INITIAL '
     *'BUBBLE SIZE')
      WRITE(6,8500) CONVT,CONVEX,ERROR,PCERR
8500  FORMAT('0',T50,'CONVT= ',G15.6,/,T50,'CONVEX= ',
     *G15.6,/,'0',T50,'ERROR= ',G15.6,/,'0',T50,
     **'PCERR= ',G15.6)
8600  CONTINUE
9000  CONTINUE
      STOP
      END
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using available literature data. Model development required
simplifying assumptions. The sensitivity of the model to
certain of these assumptions is investigated.

Comments on the adaptability of the model for use in
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